

## Did Marines defile corpses in Iraq?

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WASHINGTON — The United States Marine Corps is conducting a formal investigation into an incident in which Marines are allegedly shown defiling the bodies of what appear to be dead Iraqi insurgents.

Entertainment news website TMZ obtained 41 pictures they reported were shot

DOD launches investigation after entertainment news site TMZ brings to light gruesome images

in Fallujah in 2004, and made the Defense Department aware of them last week.

The pictures show Marines pouring accelerant on and burning what appear to be Iraqi corpses; at least one shows a Marine

looking at the camera in what could be a posed photograph.

Stars and Stripes was unable to determine the Marines' intent or any other context, and will not run the photos until more

can be learned.

Pentagon spokesman Col. Steve Warren told Stars and Stripes that he has seen the photos, confirmed that they appear to show U.S. servicemembers, and alerted U.S. Central Command, which had not seen the photos.

The U.S. Marine Corps is investigating, Warren said.

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## REINFORCING THE PACIFIC PIVOT

### Navy realigns carrier fleet: USS Ronald Reagan to replace George Washington in Japan

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YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — The aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan will make Yokosuka its new homeport in summer 2015, replacing the USS George Washington, Navy officials said Wednesday.

Meanwhile, the Norfolk, Va.-based USS Theodore Roosevelt will replace the Ronald Reagan in San Diego, while the George Washington moves to Virginia to complete a multiyear nuclear refueling and overhaul, according to a Commander Naval Forces Japan statement.

The Navy said it would release timelines on

the moves later; however, Navy contracting documents call for Huntington Ingalls, the lead contractor handling George Washington's overhaul, to work on advance planning between October 2013 and September 2016.

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"He stood there and allowed the gun to be pointed right at him so there would be no more young kids hurt."

— New Mexico Gov. Susana Martinez, on teacher John Masterson, who intervened to stop a 12-year-old who allegedly shot two fellow students at a New Mexico middle school

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## MILITARY

# Senator: Obama is ignoring troops

Armed Services Committee chief says president should turn attention to Afghanistan

By JON HARPER  
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WASHINGTON — The chairman of the House Armed Services Committee on Tuesday said President Barack Obama is ignoring servicemembers who are deployed to Afghanistan and is not speaking enough about the war.

"He has not for months talked to the American people about the situation [in Afghanistan]," Republican Rep. Buck McKeon told reporters following a closed committee briefing on Afghanistan by administration officials. "He has not given any [verbal] support or succor or help to our troops that are serving. He hasn't buoyed them up in their mission and the things that they've been asked to do. They're over there every day putting their life on the line, and they don't hear from the commander-in-chief."

McKeon said a lack of communication has created confusion about U.S. military objectives in Afghanistan.

"When I talk to the troops, sometimes they have questions about what the mission is, about why they're there," he said. "And it's incumbent upon the commander-in-chief to talk to them [and] to talk to the American people."

The Republican vice chairman of the committee voiced similar criticism.

"It is absolutely wrong for the president to expect our military to perform a mission that he's not willing to publicly support, publicly explain [and] publicly defend," Rep. Mac Thornberry said.

When asked what, specifically, Obama needed to say to servicemembers and the American people about Afghanistan, McKeon offered several suggestions.

"He could talk about the achievements that we have — that



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House Armed Services Committee chairman

we have achieved there," McKeon said. "He could tell the troops that what they're doing is important, that they're saving lives, they're bringing freedom to that part of the world ... There are very few al-Qaida at this time in Afghanistan (because of efforts by American servicemembers)."

McKeon said the president should deliver the message in a televised address from the White House or a special joint meeting of Congress.

"If I went on national television to give an update on one of the most pressing issues facing our nation right now, I think they (the American people and servicemembers) would tune in and pay attention to it," he said.

McKeon said Obama seems to lack "the will and the desire" to speak publicly about the war.

White House officials would not comment specifically on McKeon's remarks, but directed the reporter to comments Obama made Monday following an Oval Office meeting with Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy.

"I've had unwavering confidence in our troops and their performance in some of the most difficult situations imaginable," Obama said in response to a reporter's question about Afghanistan. "That job is not yet done. And I do think it's important for Americans to recognize that we still have young men and women in harm's way, along with coal-

ition partners who are continuing to make sacrifices, and we need to see this job all the way through."

"And that is going to be the case through the end of this year, and we're going to continue to have significant interest in the region for years to come," Obama said.

National Security Staff spokeswoman Laura Lucas said Obama will discuss his foreign policy priorities in his State of the Union address to Congress on Jan. 28, but she would not provide any details or say whether he will talk about Afghanistan.

Obama has visited Afghanistan three times since becoming president five years ago. The last time was May 2012, when he traveled to Kabul to sign the Strategic Partnership Agreement with President Hamid Karzai that provides a framework for America's long-term relationship with the war-torn country. He delivered his latest prime time national address devoted exclusively to Afghanistan during that trip, although he has spoken about the war in other major speeches since then.

In the press conference, McKeon and Thornberry also expressed concerns that the security situation in Afghanistan will deteriorate if Karzai doesn't sign the Bilateral Security Agreement which would enable some U.S. troops to remain in the country beyond 2014.

"We see what's happened now in Iraq — the terrorism [and] the

death tolls that are being caused because of a lack of our presence," McKeon said.

"Just turn and look at what has happened with Iraq where we didn't have that [troop presence after 2011]," Thornberry said. "We cannot afford to have that sort of vacuum happen in Afghanistan because it presents real dangers to us."

Administration officials and military leaders have said that all American troops will be withdrawn from Afghanistan without a BSA that provides legal immunity to U.S. servicemembers deployed there. That is known as the "zero option."

McKeon said he didn't get the impression from the briefing that anyone in the administration favors the zero option. "I don't think anybody is hoping for it, planning for it, or in any other way looking toward it," he told reporters. "What I see more is what happened in Iraq, is we stumble our way and fall into it. That's the biggest danger that I see."

"The president needs to take the leadership in telling the American people why we have a lot at stake and why a zero option would be very detrimental to our national security," Thornberry said.

"That's what we need. 'I don't think anybody wants it ... The danger is you stumble towards it. But one way to prevent those stumbles is to stand up and say, this is why our troops are there, this is what they're sacrificing for, and this is why it's important to us now.'"

"Now maybe he's got to expend some political capital to do that, but when you're dealing with a major national security issue, he needs to."

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## NATO says servicemember killed in Afghanistan

The Associated Press

KABUL — NATO says one of its servicemembers has been shot

and killed by insurgents in eastern Afghanistan.

A statement by the U.S.-led coalition said the shooting took

place Wednesday but provided no other details on the attack or the nationality of the servicemember.

The death brings to five the number of coalition deaths so far this month in Afghanistan.

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## EUROPE

## Review of US bases in Europe back on track

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A Pentagon review of U.S. bases in Europe, initiated last year to look at possible money-saving and strategic consolidations, is continuing after delays, according to defense officials.

Plans called for the study, announced last April, to conclude in December with a list of options for Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel. The analysis was thrown off by sequestration contingency planning, according to Department of Defense spokesman Mark Wright.

Results of the study are now expected to be forwarded to Hagel by spring, Wright said. Defense officials and service commanders in Europe say they have capacity to spare as the U.S. assesses its posture on the Continent 25 years after the end of the Cold War and amid a rebalance of military and diplomatic resources toward the Pacific. The review is not considering

troop numbers in Europe, they say, but infrastructure.

"It's looking at what should we hold onto and what can we consolidate to try and reduce our footprint," Wright said.



Breedlove

Defense officials have suggested those changes could be significant, including the consolidation of major bases.

Many factors could complicate the review and decision-making process. Wright added, including treaty obligations, local concerns and environmental laws.

The top U.S. commander in Europe, Air Force Gen. Philip Breedlove, suggested in an interview with Stars and Stripes last year that priority bases would be closer to areas of current strategic interests to the U.S. — the Mediterranean and Africa.

"We are a force ... that lives in a legacy positioning associated with Cold War outcomes," Breedlove said at the time. "We are seeing ourselves needing to be based closer to those places where we are continuing to find threats. ... Clearly, the Levant, the east Med, northern Africa are places we need to be positioned well to react quickly into those areas."

Some moves are already taking place. Marine rapid-reaction teams recently were placed in Spain and Crete. The Navy base in Rota, Spain, at the western entrance to the Mediterranean, is preparing for the arrival of four guided-missile destroyers beginning in February.

Troop numbers in Europe have steadily declined since the end of the Cold War and the faded threat of a land invasion from the former Soviet Union. From more than 300,000 servicemembers and division-level Army assets in the 1980s, the U.S. now counts fewer than 80,000 personnel and two Army combat brigades as the larg-

est ground combat units.

While many bases and sites have closed in the intervening years, others continued to provide support for wars in Iraq and Afghanistan over the past decade, from providing logistics to housing troops.

Another mission has been training allied militaries, especially those from former Eastern bloc countries interested in making modern defense reforms and joining NATO. The U.S. expanded its foreign military training in Europe over the past decade, bringing more countries into the NATO fold — and into the coalition fighting in Afghanistan.

The coming withdrawal of all NATO combat forces from Afghanistan in 2014, combined with tighter budgets among the U.S. and its allies and the new emphasis on Asia, have spawned questions about the future of the U.S. training mission.

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## Fallen soldier honored at ceremony

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VILSECK, Germany — The 2nd Cavalry Regiment paid respects on Wednesday to Staff Sgt. Jesse L. Williams, described by those who knew him as the prototypical soldier, a loving father and a role model to the young men and women under his charge.

Williams, of Elkhart, Ind., was one of six troops who died on Dec. 17 when their UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter was forced down in Afghanistan's South Khorasan province. Williams had deployed twice before, once to Iraq and once to Afghanistan.

Of the six who died, Williams was the only soldier from 2CR. The others were based out of Fort Riley, Kan.

His death was a blow to a regiment that hadn't lost a soldier in combat since 2011.

Friends said during a memorial rehearsal Tuesday, which was attended by a Stars and Stripes reporter, that his loss would be felt

by everybody who knew him.

Staff Sgt. James Guild told Stars and Stripes that while Williams had a reputation as someone who loved physical training and Michigan football, he was best known for his good heart and strong character.



Williams

"He was that guy who stood up for the little guy," he said. "He was a big guy, pretty intimidating. Very rough and tough. But as intimidating as he was, he was one of the most humble people I knew."

Since most members of Williams' unit — Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, Regimental Support Squad — are still deployed to Afghanistan, they could not attend the memorial, held in a small chapel at Rose Barracks. Instead, they sent scores of writ-

ten testimonies, anecdotes and personalized memorials to be read at the ceremony.

"His love for his job and his profession was dwarfed only by his love for his family and his friends," Capt. Michael Klemmer, the RSS headquarters commander, said in a letter read aloud during the memorial service. "He always had a smile on his face and a positive thing to say and words of encouragement for anyone who needed it."

"Headquarters and Headquarters Troop has lost one of its best and in doing so, we as a family have become smaller. But as we get smaller, our bonds become tighter and we become stronger. We will honor the legacy of our hero, Staff Sgt. Jesse Williams, through our actions and our purpose."

Williams is survived by his daughter, Madison L. Williams; his mother, Deborah M. Passerallo; and his father, Thomas I. Williams.

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Courtesy of Kampfmittelräumdienst Rheinland-Pfalz

## WWII-era bombs found

These seven American World War II-era bombs were discovered and defused Wednesday near the town of Zerf, south of Trier, Germany. A section of the B268 road was closed for about two hours, German police said. After a search of the wooded area, authorities found no other bombs.

## Moderate to severe TBI linked to increased risk of early death

BY MATT MILLHAM  
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People who survive six months or longer after suffering traumatic brain injuries continue to remain at risk for premature death long after their injury, according to a study published Wednesday by the American Medical Association.

The study, led by Dr. Seena Fazel at the University of Oxford in England, used data from Sweden going back to 1954. With data from such a long time period, the research team was able to draw conclusions about the long-term consequences of moderate to se-

vere traumatic brain injuries, Fazel said.

"One of the bottom lines is thinking about this as a chronic illness, a chronic disease," he said.

His team found that while traumatic brain injuries, or TBI, tend to be one-off events, they have chronic, long-term consequences, he said. "And one of the consequences is premature mortality."

The risk of premature death after a TBI is small — just 3.6 percent, according to the study. But among those who survived six months or longer after a TBI, there was a threefold increase in the odds of dying early when

**‘One of the bottom lines is thinking about [traumatic brain injury] as a chronic illness.’**

Dr. Seena Fazel  
University of Oxford

compared with the general population, according to the study. The odds of early death jump even higher for TBI patients also suffering from psychiatric illnesses, depression or substance abuse.

"The co-morbidity seems to elevate risks really substantially," Fazel said. "For instance, if you have TBI and psychiatric illness,

your odds of suicide before the age of 56 are increased 19-fold."

About half of the early deaths noted in the study resulted from external factors, such as suicide, accidents and other injuries. The other half came from a range of other conditions, such as heart disease and cancer. Fazel said the study was not designed to draw

conclusions about why there is such a correlation between TBI and early death.

Asked about what the study means for military personnel who have suffered TBIs, Fazel said he hoped TBI patients would be more likely to seek assessment or treatment if they knew they're at increased risk for depression or other ailments developing after a TBI.

"In a way, it's about coming to terms with the changes and being aware of what are some of the possible consequences going forward," Fazel said.

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## MILITARY

# Acting undersecretary of the Navy resigns

Official says 'inappropriate relationship' led to personnel action

By JON HARPER  
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Martingue

WASHINGTON — Acting Undersecretary of the Navy Robert Martingue stepped down after Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus asked for his resignation following "a loss of confidence in Martingue's abilities to effectively perform his duties," the Navy said in a statement Wednesday.

The statement did not specify why Mabus lost confidence in Martingue, but a Navy official told Stars and Stripes that Martingue was having an "inappropriate personal relationship" with a female subordinate.

Martingue submitted his resignation Tuesday, the official said on condition of anonymity.

Martingue was expected to serve as acting undersecretary

until a permanent replacement took over. President Barack Obama nominated Jo Ann Rooney to be the new undersecretary.

Her nomination was approved Jan. 9 by a Senate committee, but she has yet to be confirmed by the full Senate.

Martingue was wearing two hats at the Defense Department before he resigned. In addition to being acting undersecretary, he was also the deputy undersecretary for Policy, Plans, Oversight, and Integration.

Effective immediately, Deputy Undersecretary of the Navy Thomas W. Hicks will perform the duties of the undersecretary.

Jodi Greene, senior director for policy in the office of deputy undersecretary, has been appointed acting deputy undersecretary, the Navy said in the statement.

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# Marines: Photos spark investigation

## FROM FRONT PAGE

"We are currently investigating the veracity of the photos, circumstances involved, and if possible, the identities of the servicemembers involved," said Capt. Richard Ulsh, at Marine Corps headquarters. "The findings from this investigation will determine whether we are able to move forward with any investigation into possible wrongdoing."

The pictures show U.S. servicemembers in what could be a violation of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, which makes it a crime to mishandle remains. Warren added that those actions would not be a violation of the laws of war, but would be a violation of

General Order No. 1, which governs conduct in a given war zone.

TMZ said they have photos that are too gruesome to publish. Some show U.S. Marines burning corpses.

"On the burning, you know, it's hard to tell [whether it's a violation]," Warren said. "While we don't routinely burn human remains, there are circumstances when that might be necessary for hygiene, health — things like that."

The incident is reminiscent of a July 2011 incident in Helmand province, Afghanistan. A video of Marines urinating on the corpses of militants was posted on YouTube in January 2012, sparking

outrage and starting an investigation into the Marines' behavior throughout the unit's deployment.

In September, the military dropped its case against Capt. James V. Clement, the sole officer charged in the urination case. Three enlisted Marines who appear in the video have pleaded guilty to a range of charges that include wrongful possession of unauthorized photos of casualties and failure to report mistreatment of human casualties. Five other Marines received nonjudicial punishments.

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# Ex-Army intel specialist sentenced to 7 years

## From wire services

BALTIMORE — A former Army intelligence specialist pleaded guilty Monday to destroying his computer in an attempt to cover his tracks before flying to Africa in a bid to join the Somali militant group al-Shabab.

Craig Benedict Baxam, 26, of Laurel, Md., was sentenced in federal court to seven years in prison on the charge of destroying records he thought could be used in

a terrorism investigation.

The case tested the limits of federal terrorism laws, as prosecution and defense took fundamentally different views of whether Baxam's effort to join the group in 2011 amounted to an attempt to help a terrorist group. Al-Shabab has been linked to al-Qaida.

Baxam's attorney argued that the defendant merely wanted to practice Islam among other Muslims in Somalia, and that he was free under the First Amendment

to take actions to do so.

The U.S. attorney's office contended that Baxam wanted to fight and was prepared to die for al-Shabab, which is a crime.

After leaving the Army in 2011, having served for four years, Baxam cashed out his Thrift Savings Plan account and used the proceeds to buy a plane ticket, planning to hand over whatever money he had left to al-Shabab, prosecutors wrote in court documents.

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## MILITARY

# VA pledges more homeless aid

By LEO SHANE III  
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Veterans Affairs officials will spend \$600 million to continue the Supportive Services for Veteran Families program, community grants they say are key in ending homelessness among veterans.

The new pledge commits \$300 million each in fiscal 2014 and fiscal 2015 for the grants, which are designed to provide a safety net for low-income veterans struggling with permanent housing.

VA awarded \$300 million in grants last summer as part of the program. Officials said the money helped more than 39,000 veterans and 23,000 of their family

members.

Advocates have said the direct support to adults nonprofits and the program's "housing first" model have been key in helping homeless veterans. Many of the aid recipients are veterans who are not yet homeless, but could end up on the streets without intervention.

The department has set a public goal of ending veterans homelessness by the end of 2015.

According to the Department of Housing and Urban Development annual point-in-time count released in November, the number of homeless veterans across the country dropped to 57,849 in January 2013, down about 20,000 from four years earlier.

Department officials said the success of the SSVF program made continuing it an obvious choice, but officials wanted to publicly commit the fiscal 2015 money as well to provide continuity and planning for the larger homeless effort.

In a statement, VA Secretary Eric Shinseki said partnerships with community groups are key in helping all veterans.

"We are making good progress towards our goal to end veterans' homelessness but we still have work to do," he said.

More information about the program can be found at [www.va.gov/homeless/ssvf.asp](http://www.va.gov/homeless/ssvf.asp).

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## Airman was intoxicated in fatal fall

By ADAM L. MATHIS  
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A Ramstein airman found dead at a railway station in southeastern England in August was intoxicated when he fell against a live rail, according to a coroner's inquest Wednesday.

Staff Sgt. Ryan D. Austin was attempting to cross the railway tracks at Maidstone East railway station on Aug. 6 when he fell and touched the live rail, according to the Mid Kent and Medway coroner's office.

Austin was found to have a blood alcohol level of 0.2 percent, indicating "significant intoxication" at the time of death, the coroner said. The legal driving limit in Britain is 0.08 percent.

Austin was en route to a temporary-duty assignment at RAF Lakenheath, England, when he died, a Ramstein spokesman said.

Austin, of Corbin, Ky., was with the 1st Communications Maintenance Squadron of the 435th Air Ground Operations Wing.

British Transport Police say they run education campaigns because many people don't know the rail is electrified.

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## Coast Guard helo rescues 4

PORTSMOUTH, Va. — A Coast Guard helicopter crew hoisted four people from a disabled sailboat about 300 miles off Virginia's coast.

The 42-foot Be Good Too was headed to the British Virgin Islands from New York when the crew contacted the Coast Guard on Monday.

The Coast Guard said the crew reported that the sailboat was disabled and adrift. Because of the distance, the Coast Guard said responding with a cutter wasn't feasible.

The Navy sent the USS Ross to serve as a

refueling platform for the helicopter.

The sailboat's crew was rescued around 9:15 a.m. Tuesday.

Matthew Brooks, with the Coast Guard's 5th District Command Center, said in a news release that the Coast Guard didn't want to transfer the crew from the sailboat at night because it would be risky.

## Helo pilot's body recovered

NORFOLK, Va. — The Navy says it has recovered the body of a pilot who had been missing since a helicopter crashed last week off the coast of Virginia.

In a news release, the Navy's Fleet For-

ces Command said divers recovered the body of Lt. Sean Christopher Snyder, 39, of Santee, Calif., on Tuesday, a day after locating the helicopter's cockpit.

Five crewmembers were aboard the MH-53E Sea Dragon when it crashed Jan. 8 about 18 miles off the coast of Virginia Beach. The other four were pulled from the water, but two died later at a hospital.

The other two have been released from the hospital.

The Navy said the helicopter was taking part in routine mine countermeasure training when it crashed.

From The Associated Press

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Thursday, January 23

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## PACIFIC



LISA TOURTELLO/Stars and Stripes

Protesters gather outside the Naha District courts Wednesday to support a lawsuit to stop construction of a new airfield on Marine Corps Base Camp Schwab. The airfield would take the place of Marine Corps Air Station Futenma.

## Suit aims to stop Camp Schwab runway

By CHIYOMI SUMIDA  
Stars and Stripes

**NAHA, Okinawa** — A group of Okinawa residents filed suit Wednesday, demanding that the governor revoke his approval for landfill work to start on a new runway at Camp Schwab that is crucial to U.S. plans to relocate Marine Corps Air Station Futenma.

It's the first of what is expected to be a series of potential stumbling blocks for the controversial, long-delayed project to close Futenma, which now sits in a densely populated area. The suit asks Naha district court to issue an order to the central govern-

ment in Tokyo to suspend the project while the case is pending.

After several months of consideration — and a series of "sweeteners" from Tokyo for the prefecture — Okinawa Gov. Hirokazu Nakaima on Dec. 27 approved permits for the landfill work to start.

A total of 194 residents, including 43 from Henoko and neighboring communities, argue that the government failed to present adequate protective measures for the project's impact on the environment, including endangered dugongs.

"This is a milestone in our continued fight to stop the construction of a new military base in

Henoko," Hiroshi Ashitomi, who leads the residents group, told a rally before the lawsuit was filed.

"Our struggle to stop the construction of a new military base on Okinawa is destined to win because it is the consensus of 1.4 million people of Okinawa."

There has been vocal opposition to the Henoko project, and many Okinawans want Futenma moved completely off the island.

A mayoral election on Sunday in Nago will serve as something of a referendum. It pits incumbent Susumu Inamine, who is adamant about blocking the runway project, against Bunshin Suematsu, who supports it, backed by Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, his gov-

ernment and the ruling Liberal Democratic Party. Surveys have indicated Inamine is leading.

It is not known if the court will deem the residents as qualified plaintiffs. A legal expert who is not involved in the litigation said a ruling on the requested temporary injunction is expected to come promptly.

The opposition group, along with U.S. supporters, plans to file a second dugong lawsuit in early March in the U.S. District Court in San Francisco, calling for the Department of Defense to take protective measures for the dugong, a group representative said.

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## Services planned for Yokota airman

Stars and Stripes

**YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan** — A memorial service is scheduled Saturday for an airman who died in a crash between his motorcycle and another vehicle near the Yokota Community Center.

Senior Airman James S. Campbell IV, 23, of Indianapolis, was assigned to Yokota's 374th Medical Support Squadron as a medical material technician. He arrived on the base in June 2010 after completing technical training school at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas.

Campbell was treated at the scene of Monday's crash and taken to a local emergency medical center, where he was pronounced dead. The cause of the accident is under investigation.

Base officials said it was the first fatal accident involving a Yokota motorcyclist since an off-base crash in 2004. It was not immediately clear when the last on-base fatal accident occurred.

Campbell provided medical logistics support through numerous exercises and real-world operations in support of U.S. Pacific Command, including Operation Tomodachi to aid Japan after an earthquake spawned a devastating tsunami that damaged the Fukushima nuclear reactor.

"Senior Airman Campbell was an eternal optimist who saw every challenge as an opportunity. He excelled at his job with an intense pride and dedication," said Col. Evelyn Yoo, 374th Medical Group commander. "He possessed an incredible strength of character and cultivated deep friendships here at Yokota."

Memorial services are planned for 8 a.m. Saturday at the Yokota East Side Chapel.

## Pivot: Moves allow for 'most capable ships' to respond in Pacific, Commander Naval Forces Japan says

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Carrier Air Wing 5 will remain in Japan as part of the Ronald Reagan's complement. This ship rotation also does not necessitate any changes to base facilities in either San Diego or Yokosuka, officials said.

Most of the crew of the George Washington will transfer over to USS Reagan, "so there will be no mass movement of families overseas," CNFJ spokesman Jon Nylander said.

The moves are part of the U.S. rebalancing pivot strategy in the Pacific theater, an area that the Obama administration and the Pentagon have deemed their greatest long-term priority.

"The security environment in the Indo-Asia-Pacific requires that the U.S. Navy station the

most capable ships forward," the statement said. "This posture allows the most rapid response times possible for maritime and joint forces, and brings our most capable ships with the greatest amount of striking power and operational capability to bear in the timeliest manner."

Despite arriving in Japan only in 2008, when the USS Kitty Hawk was retired, the George Washington's departure was anticipated due to its age.

It was commissioned in 1992. An overhaul for a Nimitz-class carrier generally takes about three years and must be done in the United States.

Because some of Reagan's systems differ from those of the George Washington, a small contingent will remain with the

ship and transfer to Japan. Also, a small group of George Washington sailors will remain with the carrier when it transfers to Virginia.

The Ronald Reagan previously played a large role during Operation Tomodachi, the U.S. military's relief effort following the Great East Japan Earthquake and tsunami of March 11, 2011. The ship served as a floating refueling station for Japanese and U.S. helicopters flying relief missions to the battered Tohoku coast.

Several dozen former Reagan sailors have since filed a lawsuit against Tokyo Electric Power Co., blaming it for illnesses they say resulted from radiation exposure during the operation. Navy officials said at the time that the

ship was exposed to a low level of radiation and then scrubbed at sea.

Japanese media outlets reported last June that Reagan would replace the George Washington in 2015, citing anonymous sources. Navy officials said publicly that no decision had been made at the time.

However, senior Navy leaders were also adamant that a carrier would remain forward deployed to Yokosuka, and often added that the service's Asia-Pacific locations were due to receive many of the most modernized assets in the fleet.

Only four carriers are newer than the George Washington. Reagan, second-newest behind the USS George H.W. Bush, went on active duty in 2003.

The Ronald Reagan spent

2012 in Bremerton, Wash., where its sailors and contractors overhauled all four propulsion engines, propeller shafts and rudders. Workers also repaired the hull and modernized ship systems before the carrier returned to San Diego last March.

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## MILITARY

# DOD, State criticized in Benghazi report

By KIMBERLY DOZIER  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate Intelligence Committee released a report on the deadly assault on the diplomatic compound in Benghazi, Libya, on Wednesday, laying blame on the State Department, the intelligence community — even the late Ambassador Chris Stevens — for failing to communicate and heed warnings of terrorist activity in the area.

The highly critical report also says the U.S. military was not positioned to aid the Americans in need, though the head of Africa Command had offered military security teams that Stevens — who was killed in the attack — had rejected weeks before the attack.

It also said that in the aftermath

of the attacks, U.S. analysts confused policymakers by blaming the violence on protests without enough supporting intelligence.

There was no immediate comment from the State Department.

The 2012 Benghazi attacks have dogged the Obama administration because then-U.N. Ambassador Susan Rice initially blamed the violence on mob protests over an anti-Islamic film. Al-Qaida-linked militant groups were later blamed for the attacks, first when militants overran the temporary U.S. mission on Sept. 11, 2012, and later that same night, when militants fired mortars at the nearby CIA annex where the Americans had taken shelter.

The bipartisan report may settle what has become a running political battle between Republicans,

mostly in the House, who say the Obama administration has been covering up what they consider misdeeds before, during and after the attack, and the administration, which says Republicans are on a political witch hunt.

Committee chairman Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., said she hopes this will put to rest conspiracy theories about the militant attacks that night. Republican vice chairman Saxby Chambliss, of Georgia, said the report shows despite a deteriorating security situation in Benghazi, the U.S. government did not do enough to prevent the attacks or to protect the facility.

"The State Department should have increased its security posture more significantly in Benghazi based on the deteriorating security situation on the ground

and IC threat reporting on the prior attacks against Westerners in Benghazi — including two previous incidents" at the facility that year, a report summary states.

The report says "tripwires" set to determine when it had become too dangerous to operate in Benghazi were crossed, but ignored, by both the U.S. and other nations.

The report faults the military for being unable to help when needed. "No U.S. military resources in position to intervene in short order in Benghazi to help defend" the U.S. facilities in Benghazi, it said.

The Defense Department had provided a Site Security Team in Tripoli, made up of 16 special operations personnel to provide security and other help. The State Department, according to the report, decided not to extend the

team's mission in August 2012. In the weeks that followed, Gen. Carter Ham, the head of Africa Command, twice asked Stevens to employ the team, and twice Stevens declined, the report said.

The report also dives into the contentious talking points issued by the intelligence community after the attacks. The senators also take the administration to task for failing to bring the attackers to justice more than a year after the attacks.

It says U.S. intelligence has identified several individuals responsible, but can't track them down because of limited intelligence capabilities in the region.

The committee report makes 18 recommendations to improve security at diplomatic and intelligence posts overseas.

## Navy's new ship ready to set sail

By BROCK VERGAKIS  
The Associated Press

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. — A new breed of Navy ship is preparing to begin its maiden deployment.

The USNS Spearhead is a joint high-speed vessel that can be called upon by the Army, Navy or Marines to quickly ferry people and equipment for a variety of missions. Its 22-person crew is composed of civilians, but it has a small Navy detachment onboard.

The ship is scheduled to leave Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story on Thursday, on its way to Europe and Africa, where commanders will test out the new ship's capabilities in an operational environment. Ultimately, the Navy plans to have 10 of the ships available to military commanders around the world.

The Navy says its missions could include transporting tanks, carrying a containerized portable hospital or supporting disaster-relief operations. The ship has 20,000 square feet of cargo storage area and is also capable of landing helicopters.

Other Navy ships are already capable of transporting people and equipment, but what sets apart the Spearhead and the others in its class being built is that it is designed for speed and to oper-



DAMIAN BERG/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

**The USNS Spearhead (JHSV-1) pulls into Naval Station Mayport to be inspected by Rear Adm. Sinclair M. Harris, commander of U.S. 4th Fleet.**

ate in small or damaged ports.

The expansive ship is a large catamaran made of aluminum that can carry 600 tons about 1,200 nautical miles.

"We can take pretty much whatever you can think of onboard here and rapidly reconfigure," said Capt. Douglas Cassavant, master of the Spearhead.

The Spearhead has an average speed of about 40 miles per hour. By comparison, the Navy's amphibious transport dock that carries Marines and their equipment travels about 24 miles per hour.

The Spearhead is also much more spacious in nearly every aspect than its warship counterparts, from its passageways and stairs to the more than 300 seats it has to transport people that provide more legroom than many first-class airline passengers will find.

The cost for the 10 joint high-

speed vessels is about \$1.5 billion, according to James Marconi, a spokesman for the Navy's Military Sealift Command, which owns the ships.

Cassavant acknowledged that a ship built of aluminum is more vulnerable than warships made of steel, but he said other Navy ships could escort it if it needed protection from adversaries, or to help clear mines from its path.

He also said that security teams may come aboard the ship as needed, such as if it were to travel in pirate-infested waters. In a pirate scenario, he said the ship's speed would make it difficult for anyone to catch.

The Spearhead is scheduled to be in European and African waters until May. After that, it will briefly return to Virginia Beach for a few weeks before heading toward Central and South America.

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## NATION

# Boy opens fire at NM middle school

2 students are injured, 1 critically; alleged gunman, 12, is in custody

By RUSSELL CONTRERAS  
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The Associated Press

ROSSELL, N.M. — It was supposed to be like any other day.

Students escaping New Mexico's chilly temperatures congregated in the Berrendo Middle School gym before class started. Then, 13-year-old students Evan James and Kayla Koren, standing on opposite sides of the gym, heard a loud pop.

When they looked up, they saw blood and a fellow student on the floor, the victim of a gunshot wound to the face. A 12-year-old classmate holding a 22-gauge sawed-off shotgun stood nearby.

"I just saw blood everywhere," Essence Sosa, 12, said Tuesday. "Everyone started screaming and running."

Witnesses say that for the next 10 seconds or so, panic engulfed the gym and, eventually, the entire Roswell school Tuesday. Word began to spread that a student had opened fire, injuring a male and female student. Those who could quickly texted parents and friends, and worried family members began frantically calling the school.

An 11-year-old boy was critically injured and a 13-year-old girl was in stable condition.

Officials credit John Master-

son, an eighth-grade social studies teacher, with saving lives as he immediately stepped in and talked the boy into dropping his weapon. Masterston then held him until authorities arrived.

"He stood there and allowed the gun to be pointed right at him so there would be no more young kids hurt," Gov. Susana Martinez told a packed room of 1,500 or so people at a prayer vigil late Tuesday.

Officials also credit previous "active shooter" drills by Roswell Independent School District for preparing teachers and students, who say they were ready for what happened Tuesday morning. Students say they even thought the shooting was a surprise drill at first.

"I thought it was a drill. I really did," James said. "Then, I realized it wasn't."

Investigators still aren't sure why the boy, who has not been named by authorities or formally charged, opened fire. Authorities said the boy sneaked the shotgun onto campus through a bag or musical instrument case.

State Police Chief Pete Kassetas disputed a report from a hospital spokesman who said nurses treating the boy indicated he was the shooter's target. He said a motive still is not known.

"We just don't have a lot of in-



MARK WILSON ROSWELL (N.M.) DAILY RECORD/AP

A student, right, waits at a staging area at the Roswell Mall following a shooting at Berrendo Middle School in Roswell, N.M., on Tuesday.

formation," Kassetas told reporters late Tuesday.

The suspected shooter was transferred to an Albuquerque psychiatric hospital following a hearing Tuesday, according to attorney Robert Gorence, who is representing his family. Gorence said the family would release a statement Wednesday.

Kassetas said authorities have issued search warrants for the boy's locker, his bag and his parents' home. He said he did not know what had been found by late Tuesday. They're not yet sure

where the boy got the gun.

Officials at University Medical Center in Lubbock, Texas, said an 11-year-old boy was flown there in critical condition and a 13-year-old girl arrived in serious condition.

The governor said late Tuesday that the boy underwent a second surgery. She identified the girl as Kendal Sanders, 13, and said her condition was upgraded to stable.

Martinez said the family of the injured boy has asked that his name not be released while he recovers.

# Fla. theater suspect had good record as an officer

By TAMARA LUSH  
The Associated Press

WESLEY CHAPEL, Fla. — A Florida sheriff says a retired Tampa police officer's praiseworthy career doesn't offset the severity of the charge that he shot and killed another man after an argument at a movie theater over texting.

Curtis Reeves, 71, is charged with second-degree murder in the death of Chad Oulson, 43, on Monday. Reeves was ordered held without bond Tuesday pending another hearing.

As a police officer for more than two decades until his retirement in 1993, Reeves regularly received outstanding evaluations and numerous letters of commendation for his leadership skills and training he led for other agencies on gun safety and other topics.

Still, Pasco County Sheriff Chris Nocco said Tuesday, "It didn't matter what he had done previously in his life. You don't shoot someone over a texting incident."

As a police officer, Reeves was often praised for his problem-solving and ability to manage stressful situations.

"Captain Reeves not only has the ability to act decisively when necessary but has the foresight to initiate the proper course of action to avoid conflict," a supervisor remained in one job performance review.

However, early in his career, one supervisor noted, "Reeves has a tendency to be impatient in regards to legal matters and practices now in force ... and may be abrupt with complainants in some areas of the city."

Pasco County Sheriff's officials say Reeves initially asked Oulson to stop texting at the theater in Wesley Chapel, a suburb about a half-hour north of Tampa.

Sheriff's Detective Allen Proctor wrote that Reeves spoke to Oulson during the movie previews, then got up and informed management.

When Reeves returned, "additional words were exchanged" and Oulson threw a bag of popcorn at Reeves, the report said.

Reeves told the detective that Oulson struck him in the face with an unknown object, and that's when he removed a .380-caliber gun from his pants pocket. The report said Reeves fired the gun and struck Oulson once in the chest and that he "was in fear of being attacked."

# Alleged 9/11 mastermind issues 'nonviolence' manifesto

By RICHARD A. SERRANO  
Tribune Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — The alleged mastermind of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks has written a rambling, deeply religious manifesto that suggests Muslims should not use violence to spread Islam — a sharp departure from his earlier boasts of waging violent jihad against the U.S. and other non-Muslim nations.

The unclassified comments by Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, who will soon turn 50 and who has spent the last decade in U.S. custody, come a year and a half into the pretrial phase of his military commission trial. The writings suggest that he either believes he can convert his U.S. audience or, as he often has done, is playing a mind game to attract publicity, feign

mental illness or spare himself the death penalty if convicted in the 2001 attacks, the worst terrorist strikes in American history.

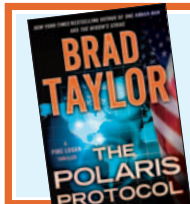
The 36-page document, titled "The Road to Real Happiness," includes not only references to the Quran, but quotes by Richard Nixon, George W. Bush and Pope Benedict XVI. Mohammed rails against same-sex marriage, abortion and the moral decay of the West. He mocks U.S. soldiers for playing with their PlayStations in Iraq and Afghanistan while Muslim families struggled for food and shelter.

"But at the end the American soldiers go back home and commit suicide but the poor man still with his dry bread and black tea lives with his poor wife in their humble muddy house but with happy hearts and souls," he wrote.

The document is described as the first of three parts, with subsequent writings to defend the Sept. 11 attacks and dispute the validity of the U.S.-led invasions of Iraq and Afghanistan, which he suggests were chiefly meant to benefit military contractors such as Halliburton.

The Quran, Mohammed wrote, "forbids us to use force as a means of converting" others, and "truth and reality never comes by muscles and force but by using the mind and wisdom."

Those statements clash with his earlier bragadocio in saying he plotted the Sept. 11 attacks and personally beheaded Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl, and in calling for young Muslims around the world to embrace violence.



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## NATION

## Okla. ban on gay marriage reversed

By JUSTIN JUOZAPAVICIUS  
The Associated Press

TULSA, Okla. — For the second time in a month, a federal judge has set aside a deeply conservative U.S. state's limits on same-sex marriage, this time in Oklahoma.

Like the federal judge who reversed Utah's gay marriage ban in December, U.S. District Judge Terence Kern on Tuesday determined that Oklahoma's voter-approved ban on gay marriage violated the U.S. Constitution's equal protection clause.

"Equal protection is at the very heart of our legal system and central to our consent to be governed," Kern wrote. "It is not a scarce commodity to be meted out begrudgingly or in short portions."

Oklahoma's ban on same-sex marriage is the third to be struck down by a federal judge, after California and Utah. State courts also ruled in favor of same-sex marriage in New Mexico in December and New Jersey in October.

Camilla Taylor, marriage project director at the national civil rights organization Lambda Legal, said momentum has been increasing as litigators see that gay rights groups are winning same-sex marriage cases. She said there



JAMES GIBBARD, TULSA (OKLA.) WORLD/AP

From left, Gay Phillips and her partner, Sue Barton, and Mary Bishop and her partner, Sharon Baldwin, celebrate a federal judge's ruling to strike down Oklahoma's gay marriage ban on Tuesday in Tulsa, Okla.

are currently 43 gay marriage lawsuits in courts, and a new one is brought almost every week.

Not including Utah and Oklahoma, 27 states still have constitutional prohibitions on same-sex marriage. Four more — Indiana, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Wyoming — do not permit it through state laws.

For 17 days, Utah was the 18th state to allow gay couples to wed, after the surprise ruling in December. Hundreds of couples got married before the U.S. Supreme Court put a halt to the weddings

earlier this month while a lower court considers the issue.

The fate of gay marriage in Utah now rests in the hands of the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals — the same circuit as Oklahoma, where state and local officials are working on an appeal of Tuesday's ruling.

Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt said the Supreme Court had left it to the states to define marriage and that Kern's ruling was "troubling." He said it would likely take another Su-

preme Court decision to resolve the matter.

The Oklahoma ruling came in a lawsuit filed nearly a decade ago, by two same-sex couples.

"There's so much emotion, I'm kind of crying right now," said Mary Bishop, who hopes to marry partner Sharon Baldwin. "It's overwhelming to think that we finally won."

Taylor, with Lambda Legal, said she wasn't sure why the judge's ruling came now, though she noted that his ruling made several references to the Utah case.

## Man held in Nevada motel kidnapping case

LAS VEGAS — A woman told police that she was held against her will for several months at a southern Nevada motel by her former boyfriend, an ex-felon from Minnesota who's due in a Las Vegas court Wednesday on kidnapping and other charges.

Jason Edward Grenier, 34, was arrested Saturday in Mesquite, a Nevada resort town, after his ex-girlfriend, Sheena Herschbach, 26, told police that Grenier used threats to hold her against her will for about six months.

## Judge orders professor removed from no-fly list

SAN FRANCISCO — A federal judge in San Francisco has ordered the name of a Malaysian architecture professor removed from the government's no-fly list.

U.S. District Judge William Alsup said Tuesday that Rahimah Ibrahim's inclusion on the list was a mistake. Ibrahim said she was mistakenly placed on the list because of her national origin and Muslim faith.

## LBJ Foundation, US vie for historic Boeing 707

AUSTIN, Texas — A battle is brewing over who gets to display the Air Force One jet aboard which President Lyndon B. Johnson took the oath of office.

Media reports say the LBJ Foundation raised millions of dollars and planned to build a pavilion by the LBJ Presidential Library to house the VC-137C, a modified Boeing 707.

The jet is on display at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force near Dayton, Ohio. Last week, Rep. Michael Turner, of Dayton, and U.S. Sen. Rob Portman, of Ohio, wrote to the Air Force secretary opposing the move.

From The Associated Press

## Parents of girl run over at crash scene sue city

Los Angeles Times

The parents of a 16-year-old girl killed when she was run over by two rescue vehicles at the scene of the Asiana Airlines crash at San Francisco International Airport took steps this week toward filing a lawsuit against the city.

Can Ye and Xiao Yung Zheng, identified as the parents of Ye Meng Yuan, a Chinese national, are seeking damages in a wrongful-death claim against the city, according to documents filed with the San Francisco city attorney's office.

Ye was one of three fatalities resulting from the crash July 6, when an Asiana Airlines jetliner struck a seawall and burst into flames on landing at SFO.

A San Mateo county coroner's report determined Ye had been alive on the tarmac following the crash before she was struck by a vehicle. She suffered crushing injuries and internal bleeding, in-

cluding blunt injuries consistent with being run over by a vehicle, the report said.

Details released in December by the National Transportation Safety Board as part of an ongoing investigation revealed Ye's motionless body was run over not once, but two separate times within minutes by emergency vehicles trying to navigate the foam-covered tarmac.

The claim names several city agencies, including the fire department, police department and San Francisco International Airport, alleging rescue crews "breached their duty of care" and "abandoned Ye Meng Yuan in a perilous location."

The San Mateo County district attorney's office later decided not to press criminal charges against the rescuers, but an attorney for the family told the Los Angeles Times shortly after the decision that the girl's death was "completely avoidable."

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## WORLD

# Danish tourist gang-raped in New Delhi, police say

By ASHOK SHARMA  
The Associated Press

NEW DELHI — A 51-year-old Danish tourist was gang-raped near a popular shopping area in New Delhi after she got lost and approached a group of men for directions back to her hotel, police said Wednesday.

The attack is the latest crime to focus attention on the scourge of sexual violence in India.

The woman also was robbed and beaten in the attack, which happened Tuesday near Connaught Place, police spokesman Rajan Bhagat said.

The woman asked the men for directions to her hotel, Bhagat said. They lured her to a secluded area where they raped her at knife-point, according to the Press Trust of India news agency.

The woman managed to reach her hotel Tuesday evening and the owner called police. Police were questioning several suspects but no arrests have been made.

"When she came, it was miserable," said Amit Bahl, owner of the Amax hotel in the Paharganj area, which is popular with backpackers. The woman was crying

and "not in good shape," he said. "I am really ashamed that this happened," said Bahl, who shared shaken.

A sign outside the hotel reads, "Recommended by Lonely Planet."

The Danish Embassy said no comment.

A police official said the woman boarded a flight home Wednesday morning.

The problem of sexual violence in India has gained widespread attention since the horrific gang rape and murder of a 23-year-old woman on a moving bus in December 2012. Public fury over the case has led to more stringent laws that doubled prison terms for rape to 20 years and criminalized voyeurism and stalking.

For many women, particularly the poor, daily indignities and abuse continue unabated, and the new laws have not made the streets any safer. Ranjana Kumari, director of India's Center for Social Research, said India's conservative, patriarchal traditions led men to use rape as a tool to instill fear in women.

"This mindset is not changing," she said. "It's a huge challenge."

Experts say the rapid growth

of India's cities and the yawning gap between rich and poor are exacerbating the problem of sexual violence, with young men struggling to prove their traditional dominance in a changing world.

Cultural stigmas, police apathy and judicial incompetence have long made it difficult for women to even report rapes.

Still, there has been a surge in the number of rapes being reported recently, suggesting women are emboldened to speak up. Between January and October last year, 1,330 rapes were reported in Delhi and its suburbs, compared with 706 for all of 2012, according to government figures.

Foreigners also have been targets, including a Swiss woman who was cycling with her husband in central India when she was gang-raped.

The cases threaten India's lucrative tourism industry. Last year, the Tourism Ministry launched an "I Respect Women" campaign to reassure travelers. Tourism accounted for 6.6 percent of India's GDP in 2012, the latest year for which figures are available.



KARIM KADIM/AP

Baghdad municipal workers clean up after a car bomb attack near the Technology University in Baghdad on Wednesday.

## Bombs kill 44 in Iraq

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A wave of bombings across Iraq striking busy markets and a funeral north of Baghdad killed at least 44 people Wednesday, authorities said, as the country remains gripped by violence after al-Qaida-linked militants took control of two cities in western Anbar province.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attacks. Insurgent groups, mainly al-Qaida's local branch and other Sunni militants, frequently target civilians in cafes and public areas, as well as Shiites and members of Iraqi security forces, in an at-

tempt to undermine confidence in the Shiite-led government and stir sectarian tensions.

The deadliest attack struck a funeral in the town of Buhruz, about 35 miles north of Baghdad. That bombing killed 16 people and wounded 26 inside a mourning tent, a police official said.

The funeral was for an anti-al-Qaida Sunni militiaman who died of natural causes two days ago.

The Sunni militia, known as the Awakening Council, was formed by U.S. forces during the height of the insurgency. They are seen as traitors by al-Qaida's local branch and other militant groups.

## S. Sudanese have few options to flee violence in Central African Republic

By REBECCA BLACKWELL  
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The Associated Press

BANGUI, Central African Republic — Ibrahim Abakar sleeps with a machete at his side, terrified the darkness will bring death or disappearance as it did for his wife and young sons when armed Christian fighters showed up at their door in the capital of Central African Republic.

Returning to the land of his birth isn't an option — South Sudan is on the brink of civil war, mired in conflict just as the area was when he fled from there more than two decades ago.

"I can't return and I can't stay here," the 38-year-old Muslim said. "I just want to go somewhere there is peace. I have seen too many people here killed in front of me."

Death is possible if he stays, or if he goes to the only other country that will take him. He has spent most of his life in Central African Republic, where he also married his wife, but has no passport to travel with.

Abakar's dilemma underscores the volatility of this corner of the world, where the deepening crisis in Central African Republic has forced some to flee across borders to desperately poor and



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**South Sudanese refugee Ibrahim Abakar and others are seeking safety from sectarian violence in Central African Republic.**

unstable countries like Chad and Congo. Others are now escaping to home countries where they don't speak the local language fluently and have few remaining relatives or job prospects.

Central African Republic has long teetered on the brink of anarchy, but the new unrest unleashed by a March 2013 coup has ignited previously unseen sectarian hatred between Christians and Muslims. More than 1,000 people

were killed in December alone and nearly 1 million displaced.

The United States closed its embassy in Bangui last year and urged its citizens to leave. Many Africans with businesses and family ties to Central African Republic, though, chose to stay after the March coup. The imperative to leave now has spiked as the country's minority Muslim population has come under growing recriminatory attacks from Christians.

Abakar is one of 67 South Sudanese who are currently stuck in Bangui, according to Daniel Anakieto, a representative for the community of refugees that includes both Christians and Muslims.

Tens of thousands of other Africans — mostly Muslims — have been repatriated home to Cameroon, Chad, Ivory Coast, Mali, Niger, Nigeria and Senegal in recent weeks, according to the United Nations.

"This is the first time in the history of the CAR that people, on account of their religion, have felt obliged to leave the country for fear of their lives," Jeffrey Feltman, U.N. undersecretary-general for political affairs, said last week.

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## WORLD

## Report: Pirate attacks fall to 6-year low

By STEVEN BEARDSLEY  
Stars and Stripes

NAPLES, Italy — Incidents of maritime piracy have fallen to their lowest level in six years due to the sharp decline in attacks off the Somali coast, the International Maritime Bureau said Wednesday.

Vessels reported 264 attacks by sea pirates last year, down from 297 reports in 2012 and a 41 percent drop from 2011, when piracy near Somalia reached its peak, the IMB's Piracy Reporting Centre said in its annual report.

Pirates last year hijacked 12 vessels and boarded 202, taking 304 hostages during the year and kidnapping 36 crewmembers to take back on shore, the piracy watchdog said. Most of the ships boarded were tankers carrying

products such as fuel and oil. Indonesia counted the most incidents, with 106, although most were simple robberies. The report said those should not be compared to the more serious hijacking and kidnappings seen elsewhere.

Nigerian-based pirates were singled out in the report for the growing violence seen in their attacks — the year's sole death in piracy incidents came at the hands of Nigerian pirates who accounted for 31 attacks. They also kidnapped 36 crewmembers for ransom, the highest number seized by Nigerian pirates in the region since 2008, the report said.

Among the kidnap victims were two Americans, whose oil supply ship, the C-Retriever, was boarded and hijacked in late October. Both men were released

weeks later after the payment of a ransom.

The report says Nigerian pirates are learning to work farther from their home waters, with attacks occurring as far west as Ivory Coast and Togo and as far south as Gabon.

While some observers have drawn comparisons between piracy in the Gulf of Guinea and the attacks off the Horn of Africa, the difference is one of scale — the IMB reported 237 attacks by Somali pirates in 2011.

The dramatic decline in attacks by Somali gangs to just 15 in 2013 is widely attributed to the policing efforts of international navies, which arrived in 2009 following a U.N. resolution that opened Somalia's territorial waters and its shoreline to the anti-piracy flotillas.

Changes to security protocols, including guidelines for entering dangerous waters and the addition of armed security teams on merchant ships, also have likely made a difference. Prosecutions of Somali pirates in the U.S. and Africa have sought to add teeth to policing measures.

"It remains imperative that these combined efforts continue," the report said of the crew protocols. "Any change or complacency, at this stage, could rekindle the pirate activity."

Despite fewer incidents off the Horn of Africa, ramifications from past attacks linger. 64 crewmembers kidnapped between April 2010 and March 2012 remain held by Somali pirates.

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## Egyptians vote on 2nd day of ballot for charter

CAIRO — Undeterred after a day of sporadic violence, Egyptians on Wednesday lined up to vote on the second, final day of a key referendum on the country's new constitution.

The vote is a milestone in a military-backed political road map toward new elections for a president and a ballot-box test of public opinion on the coup that removed Islamist President Mohammed Morsi and his Muslim Brotherhood from power last July.

The charter is almost certain to win a majority approval, following an intense endorsement campaign in the mostly pro-military media. Nearly all voters interviewed by The Associated Press said they backed the new constitution.

Those who campaigned against the draft have been arrested and face criminal charges.

## Thieves attempt to steal Sigmund Freud's ashes

LONDON — Police are hunting burglars who tried to steal the ashes of psychoanalyst Sigmund Freud from a London crematorium.

The Metropolitan Police force said a 2,300-year-old Greek urn containing the remains of Freud and his wife, Martha, was severely damaged in a break-in at Golders Green Crematorium on Dec. 31 or Jan. 1.

## Pakistan road accident kills 18 kids, 2 adults

KARACHI, Pakistan — A Pakistani government official said a road accident killed at least 20 people, including 18 schoolchildren in the country's south.

Deputy Commissioner Aleem Lashari said a school bus on a day trip collided head-on with a garbage truck in Nawab Shah district on Wednesday.

He said 19 people, including 15 children, were injured in the crash.

## Tiger prowling for food kills 7 in northern India

LUCKNOW, India — A tiger prowling for food has killed seven people in northern India in the past two weeks, forcing thousands of terrified villagers to stay inside while hunters try to kill the animal, authorities said Wednesday.

The tiger's latest victim was a woman whose body was found in a forest Tuesday in Uttar Pradesh state, said Rupak De, the principal chief conservator of forests. The tiger, a female, has been on the prowl across an area spanning some 80 miles.

From The Associated Press

## Kuwait leads in Syria aid pledges

By ADAM SCHRECK  
The Associated Press

KUWAIT CITY — Kuwait, the United States and other donor nations have so far promised more than \$1.2 billion of new funding to alleviate the suffering of Syrians affected by their country's civil war at the start of an international fundraising conference Wednesday that aid officials hope will help cover billions of dollars needed this year.

Millions of Syrians have been driven from their homes as a result of the crisis, now in its third year, and getting aid to many of those in need remains a challenge because they remain trapped in communities besieged by the fighting.

The United Nations is asking for a staggering \$6.5 billion this year to help Syrians affected by the war, its largest-ever funding appeal for a single crisis. Officials don't expect to raise the entire amount in Kuwait but do hope the gathering focuses greater international attention on the conflict.

"The fighting has set Syria back by years, even decades," U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said at the start of the event at the lavish Bayan Palace in the



PABLO MARTINEZ MONSIVIS, POOL/AP

Secretary of State John Kerry, left, meets with Kuwaiti Emir Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Sabah, right, at Bayan Palace in Kuwait City on Wednesday.

Kuwaiti capital.

Ban said humanitarian and development agencies "face unprecedented demands" because of the crisis, and that it "is vital ... the burden be shared" in helping meet Syria's growing aid needs.

Kuwait's emir, Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Sabah, opened the conference by pledging \$500 million, significantly topping the OPEC member nation's pledge of \$300

million last year.

He pressed the U.N. Security Council to exert greater effort in bringing an end to the crisis, and urged all those fighting in Syria to "put the fate of their country and the safety of their people above all other considerations."

Kuwait's Gulf neighbor, Saudi Arabia, promised an additional \$60 million, saying that would boost its existing round of fund-

ing to a total \$250 million, though it did not specify the time period. It promised \$300 million at last year's conference.

Nearby Qatar also promised \$60 million Wednesday.

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry said the U.S. pledge of \$380 million will bring brings America's humanitarian aid contribution to Syrian victims to \$1.7 billion since the war began.

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## OPINION

# An Afghan security deal is possible

By STEPHEN J. HADLEY

U.S. officials are struggling again with Afghan President Hamid Karzai. After painful and prolonged negotiations, they concluded a draft bilateral security agreement last year that lays the foundation for leaving U.S. military forces in Afghanistan after 2014. It is expected to involve 8,000 to 10,000 U.S. troops with counterterrorism, training and other responsibilities in support of Afghan forces.

Most U.S. experts on Afghanistan believe that such a residual force is critical if Afghan forces are to continue to professionalize. Only with such help will they have a reasonable chance of containing the Taliban and giving Afghan authorities the space to negotiate a political settlement that includes the Taliban. Some NATO forces would remain, but only if U.S. troops stay.

Most experts believe that without residual forces, the billions of dollars in financial support promised for Afghan security forces and for Afghanistan's economic development will not materialize. Few believe that any Afghan government would survive long without this assistance. So the stakes are high — for Afghanistan and for preserving the investment of lives and treasure that the United States and its coalition allies have made over the past 12 years.

Initially Karzai said he would sign the agreement after a Loya Jirga, a traditional congregation of Afghan leaders, approved the pact. The Loya Jirga approved the deal in November, but Karzai demanded further concessions: an end to counterterrorism raids into Afghan homes at night, active U.S. support for the peace process with the Taliban and noninterference in the April presidential election that will determine Karzai's successor. Later, he has threatened to leave the matter to his successor.

U.S. officials have responded by pressuring Karzai directly and indirectly. They have set a succession of deadlines and said

the agreement must be signed in "weeks, not months." So far, nothing has worked. U.S. officials need an alternative approach.

One option would be for President Barack Obama to make a public statement praising Afghanistan's progress in assuming responsibility for its security; improving the education, health and well-being of its citizens; and preparing for the April election. To support that progress, Obama would say he has directed U.S. forces to curtail all but essential night raids. He is committed to facilitating the peace process, he would note, and pledges full support for an election free from all outside influences.

Those statements would not represent a major U.S. policy change, but together they would offer Karzai a face-saver if he wishes to sign the security agreement.

Next, Obama could announce the number of troops that he is prepared to leave in Afghanistan post-2014 and direct the Pentagon to develop plans on that basis. He would call on our NATO allies to announce similar force commitments.

This step would go a long way toward reassuring Afghan presidential candidates and the Afghan people of the United States' post-2014 presence. The lack of such reassurance has become a source of serious instability, threatening the election and the morale of Afghan security forces. For similar reasons, Obama should resist any pressure to set a date for the termination of the post-2014 U.S. deployment.

Third, Obama could state that while he is willing to sign the bilateral security agreement with Karzai, he also is willing to sign it with the next Afghan president. U.S. officials should stop pressuring Karzai — or anyone else — for a signature before the April election. Such pressure only strengthens Karzai's hand and encourages further delay and makes the United States look desperate.

Obama should make clear that his commitment of troops is dependent on the bilateral security agreement being signed.

But a signing by a new Afghan president would give more than enough time to complete the necessary U.S. military planning before year's end. Indeed, experts say that even without the deal, U.S. forces could remain in Afghanistan after 2014 under the existing status of forces agreement, though our allies would have to negotiate new agreements for their forces with the new Afghan government.

Washington Post-ABC News polling last month suggested that more than 60 percent of Americans believe the Afghan War was not worth fighting. The same poll also found that 55 percent support leaving some U.S. forces for training and "anti-insurgency" operations. Lawmakers' public statements suggest that a post-2014 deployment would have bipartisan support in Congress.

Obama should avoid any suggestion that he might embrace a "zero option" and leave no U.S. troops in Afghanistan after 2014. Almost every Afghan president believes that would destabilize Afghanistan, threaten the outcome of the election and risk the collapse of Afghan security forces. That would profoundly affect U.S. security interests. Afghanistan again would become a haven for terrorists — who, history shows, would attack U.S. interests and territory. Afghanistan would contribute to destabilizing a nuclear-armed Pakistan. The Afghan people would forfeit the progress they have made, with our help, in building a more tolerant, inclusive, secure and prosperous society.

Afghanistan's presidential election is less than three months away. U.S. policy must be based not on frustration with Karzai's mercurial behavior but on ensuring the election of a legitimate successor to Karzai with whom the United States can sign a security agreement that is overwhelmingly in the interests of both countries.

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# To win War on Poverty, look to marriage

By KATHLEEN PARKER

As we evaluate the efficacy of the War on Poverty, a single, unquantifiable factor stubbornly demands attention: Luck.

When it comes to the fortunes of the rich and the misfortunes of the poor, we recognize the role that luck plays. Some are born lucky — either through natural gifts of appearance, athleticism, intelligence or musical talent. The really lucky ones are also born into stable, educated families with financial security and grown-up parents.

Then there are the unlucky, who, whatever their relative talents, are born into broken families, often to single mothers, in neighborhoods where systemic poverty, inferior educational opportunities and perhaps even crime constitute the culture in which they mature.

How we level the playing field between these two opposing narratives — how we weave the social safety net — is the challenge for a society that wants to help those in need without perpetuating that need. Is the solution greater government intervention, as Democrats prefer, or is it a temporary taxpayer assistance tied to personal responsibility, as Republicans insist?

Both perspectives received fresh airings recently at the Brookings Institution. Republican Rep. Paul Ryan offered that welfare should be a ramp up, not a way station. Democratic Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand focused on greater welfare support through pay equity, universal pre-kindergarten funding, more affordable child care and increased minimum wage.

In other words, they each offered more or less the same arguments their respective parties have made for the past several decades. No new ideas.

Now, if I may. This is not a new idea but recently has fallen into disrepute if not disrepair, and it would help in the War on Poverty: marriage.

Democrats avoid the M-word for fear of trespassing on important constituent turfs, especially women's. For many women, the push for marriage is seen as subterfuge for reversing their hard-won gains.

But Republicans, too. Republicans such as Sen. Marco Rubio, who recently "went there," shy away from the M-word for fear of being tagged Neanderthals who are wedded to old-fashioned gender paradigms and nurse secret desires to keep women pregnant, subjugated and in the kitchen. They worry the value of marriage, as alleged, not as is. Or, God forbid, that they be accused of waging war against women.

Then again, perhaps it is the way some Republican men talk about women that is so off-putting, rather than what they are trying to say about the value of marriage. It is not helpful when, for example, they insinuate that single mothers are using welfare to avoid marriage.

But marriage, besides being the best arrangement for children, has the added benefit of being good for grown-ups. Half the pain, twice the joy. What's not to love?

More to the point, we know that being un-

married is one of the highest risk factors for poverty. And no, splitting expenses between unmarried people isn't the same. This is because marriage creates a tiny economy fueled by a magical concoction of love, selflessness and a permanent commitment that holds spirits aloft during tough times.

In the absence of marriage, single parents (usually mothers) are left holding the baby and all the commensurate challenges and financial burdens. As a practical matter, how is a woman supposed to care for little ones and/or pay for child care, while working for a minimum wage that is significantly less than what most fair-minded, lucky people would consider paying the house cleaner? Not very well.

Setting aside the issue of choice in reproductive matters, one easily observes that we live in a culture that devalues and mocks marriage, reducing the institution to a buffet item. The lucky can hire a pedigreed baby sitter en route to the next dinner party, dropping a buck in the beggar's cup, while the unlucky are strapped to a welfare check or new-parent debt with no hope of future.

Obviously, marriage won't cure all ills. Every single mother could marry tomorrow, and she still wouldn't have a job. But in the War on Poverty, rebuilding a culture that encourages marriage should be part of the arsenal. The luck of the draw isn't nearly enough — and sometimes old ideas are the best new ideas.

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## OPINION

# Germans divided over nation's prostitution law

By PAUL HOCKENOS  
Foreign Policy

**B**ordellos with flat rates, package deals, everyone-at-once gang-bangs and airport quickies. This is just a tiny sampling of the erotic specialties on offer these days in Germany, where prostitution has boomed so dramatically since its legalization in 2002 that opponents — ranging from radical feminists to Christian conservatives — carp that it's now the "bordello of Europe."

The transformation of Germany's sex industry has occurred almost overnight. In the last two decades, the number of (overwhelmingly female) sex workers has more than doubled to 400,000, according to some estimates. And you don't have to go to Hamburg's notorious Reeperbahn street to find them. Berlin alone has some 500 brothels; Osnabrück, a small university city, has 70; and another 3,000 or so exist across the rest of the country. Their neon-red lights and windowless facades dot even picturesque little towns known primarily for their cuckoo clocks and gingerbread.

The Pascha brothel in Cologne, for example, services an estimated 800 men every day. The 12-story building, open 24 hours a day, is the biggest warehouse in Germany, with 126 rooms as well as a restaurant, beauty salon, boutique, laundromat, tanning studio, and several bistros. About 150 women work there, supported by 90 other staff members. An entire floor is dedicated to transsexual services.

Every day, more than a million men in Germany visit sex workers — mostly of whom hail from poorer neighboring countries like Romania and Ukraine. The country has become a prime destination for male sex tourists looking for cheap, legal and relatively hygienic pleasures of the flesh. Bustloads of pleasure seekers from nearby countries — even, now, from the Netherlands, a country once known for its lax attitude toward prostitution — simply cross the border into Germany instead of traveling to faraway sex-tourism destinations like Thailand. All told, the German sex industry rakes in some \$16 billion per year.

The battle lines on commercial sex services continue the usual political fracturing, pitting feminist against feminist, and putting human rights activists and church officials on one side of the barricades and social workers on the other. The incoming German government — a centrist coalition led by Angela Merkel's Christian Democrats — stressed to broach the subject during coalition negotiations, only to drop it again pretty quickly in light of the ensuing brouhaha. There simply isn't a consensus within either party about what to do about it. Prostitution, it turns out, is a tricky problem to get right, and a decade after instituting one of Europe's most liberal laws governing the industry, Germany is no closer to being there.

At the center of the storm are the "progressive" prostitution laws that Germany's Social Democrat-Green administration passed in 2002. The idea was to bring sex workers in from the murky underworld of red light milieus and give them rights and social benefits that would improve their working conditions. In theory, this should have freed them from pimp and mafia structures, even if it legalized the "promotional" activities of middlemen in the process.

Under current law, sex workers can sue for wages, pay into social security and demand that employers help pay for health insurance. The sex industry, never strictly illegal, had long paid taxes, but prostitution was not considered legitimate work.



The Pascha in Cologne, Germany, is the country's largest brothel and services 800 men per day.

The goal was to make prostitution a job like any other. This way, the liberal politicians thought, women could be rescued from evils like human trafficking. The legislation was meant to set in motion full-scale legalization and aboveboard regulation of the industry, making sex workers as legit as bakers or physical therapists. But conservative opposition stalled the process, stranding it in the gray zone where it has remained since.

A decade down the road, almost nobody is happy with the result. Although the numbers are all estimates — reflecting a very un-Germanic shortage of research — there is little evidence that the plight of sex workers has improved, though it's clear that the sex industry itself is flourishing.

Prostitutes do have more rights, but they rarely avail themselves of them. Most sex workers still don't register as such, and few speak out against their handlers. Only very rarely, say police officials, do sex workers file criminal complaints against pimps.

German statistics for human trafficking are also woefully incomplete. The German Federal Office of Criminal Investigation logged 987 victims in 2001 and 482 in 2011. How many of them had backgrounds in red light milieus is anyone's guess, and the figures are surely just the tip of the iceberg in terms of trafficking, especially via Eastern Europe.

With evidence piling up that the decade-old prostitution law has failed — or at best, been a wash — a growing chorus of Germans is trying to ban the practice outright. Alice Schwarzer, a best-selling author and Germany's feminist in chief, has been at the forefront of this movement. In her view, prostitution is a straightforward human rights violation and should be outlawed as it has been in Sweden and, more recently, in France.

The 2002 laws protect pimps, Schwarzer says, not prostitutes, whose plight has only gotten worse — a point echoed by many law enforcement officials. According to Schwarzer, sex work is on a par with slavery, and its clientele and handlers should be treated like the criminals that they are.

"Ninety percent of prostitutes are forced into the sex industry through poverty and trafficking," she argues in her new book, "Prostitution: ein deutscher Skandal," the publication of which kicked off a nationwide campaign against prostitution this year. At her urging, more than 100 big-name actors, artists, politicians and church figures signed a petition calling for a ban on prostitution. The Brussels-based European Women's Lobby is also on board, as is the women's liberationists' onetime nemesis, the Catholic Church. Abolitionists have relied heavily on the firsthand testimonials of former pros-

titutes. Their graphic stories of abuse, exploitation and shattered lives are gut-wrenching. Some women tell of regularly being forced to have sex with as many as 60 men per day at the Pussy Club near Stuttgart. Others tell of group sex situations in which several men would have anal, oral and vaginal sex with them at the same time.

These women's passports are confiscated, their movements controlled, and their living conditions squalid. The lion's share of their earnings, meanwhile, is pocketed by the middlemen.

There's no doubt that these stories are true. The question is whether they are representative of the average sex worker. Schwarzer says they are; her critics say they aren't.

There is a formidable array of well-informed German and international observers who think that Schwarzer is well off the mark. They may not share her media canny, but when the two camps do battle on talk shows, the sparks often fly.

One particularly raucous public discussion last November in Berlin degenerated into tumult. Pro-prostitution groups like Sexworker, Hydra and Doña Carmen, which include many sex workers and former professionals, had members scattered through the audience who booed and jeered Schwarzer, hoisting symbolic red umbrellas and banners reading: "Our Profession Belongs to Us!" As is often the case, Schwarzer was flanked on stage by a big-city police chief and former sex workers. When the latter spoke, the activists in the crowd shook signs reading: "You Don't Speak for Us!" At the end of it all, one activist, naked from the waist down, stormed on stage.

The sex worker groups are a welcome addition to a debate that until now has largely been conducted over the heads of those involved. These groups, together with other defenders of the 2002 reforms, argue that Schwarzer's numbers are bogus, that most sex workers in Germany choose their profession voluntarily, and that what is needed is more openness, not less. Unsurprisingly, many sex workers object to the notion that they are helpless victims: "We don't need to be saved" is one of their slogans.

The contention that most sex workers are trafficked and then held against their will is a red herring, argues Juanita Rosina Henning, of Dona Carmen, a group that provides sex workers with rights-based counsel. "I've conducted studies myself in which I've gone into brothels and interviewed the women," she told the left-wing daily Die Tageszeitung. "Over 90 percent told me they knew they were coming to Germany to work as prostitutes."

"It's telling that these groups accuse the likes of Alice Schwarzer of denying them the ability to exercise their own free will," said Mariam Lau, a columnist of the weekly Die Zeit, who advocates reform of the present law. "It's like the way the left used to talk about the working class — that it has to speak for them because they hadn't developed the right consciousness yet. These women have their own minds and volition."

The sex worker groups, among many others, argue that outlawing prostitution has never worked and that doing so will only talk about the working class — that it has to speak for them because they hadn't developed the right consciousness yet. These women have their own minds and volition.

The clichéd picture of the abused woman at the hands of violent johns and predatory pimps simply isn't accurate, they say. Schwarzer has never set foot in a brothel, they like to point out. What does she know?



## WORLD



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**Iranian women eat hamburgers at the Garage Grill in Tehran. High-end burgers are the latest trend in Tehran dining, with restaurants popping up across the city.**

# Fast food nation

By JASON REZAIAN  
The Washington Post

## Tehran foodies flocking to American-style burger joints

**A**t the Garage Grill in an upscale Tehran neighborhood, classic rock plays from the speakers, and photos of Paul Newman, James Dean and hot rods line the walls. It could be an old-time American diner, except that its hamburger prices reflect a wealthier target market.

Right next door, Dukkan Burger serves its fare on butcher paper, with Heinz ketchup and French's mustard supplied on request. The clientele includes young women clutching designer purses, arriving with their dates in European luxury cars.

Burger joints have been part of Tehran's fast-food landscape for decades, even in the years just after the 1979 Islamic revolution, when any symbol of U.S. culture was denounced as an example of "Westoxification." Those eateries were mostly in downtown working-class neighborhoods, serving laborers in need of a blast of calories or students watching their budgets.

Now, though, high-end burger restaurants are popping up across the city, making the gut-busting American institution — and the quest for the best burger — the latest trend in Tehran dining.

Facebook pages dedicated to local out-

lets debate their relative merits, comparing them with McDonald's, In-N-Out, Burger King and other U.S. chains. That fascination with brands has resulted in such blatant rip-offs as McAli's, Superstar — conspicuously similar in appearance to Carl's Jr. — and even a place calling itself Five Guys.

After a string of restaurants catering to Tehran's rich opened and closed in recent years, observers of the capital's culinary scene say the rise of the quality burger is not surprising, especially given Iranians' love of grilled meat.

"Burgers are very simple. It's a promise that's to easy deliver on," said Payam

Kashani-Nejad, the founder of Gumboo Guide, a website devoted to reviews of Tehran restaurants. "And it's a big market."

David Yaghoobi, until recently creative director at a top Iranian advertising agency and now based in London, noted that the burger, while well-known here, is still somewhat exotic, boosting its appeal.

"In Iran, most things foreign are considered high-end, and as a burger is considered foreign, maybe there is some of that, too," he said.

It is no coincidence, then, that most of the new burger restaurants are in the affluent neighborhoods of northern Tehran,

in the foothills of the snowcapped Alborz Mountains — places like Niavaran, where Garage Grill and Dukkan could dare to open side by side.

"Our concept is purely American," said Arash Farhadpour-Shirazi, co-owner of Garage Grill. "Burgers and cars."

The young male servers at Garage Grill wear T-shirts from a classic-car rally that the restaurant sponsored. A neon Route 66 sign hangs in the front door above the back half of a classic Austin Mini. The car's front half and the front of an orange BMW 2002 double as the restaurant's grills.

"It's a short escape into a different environment," Farhadpour-Shirazi said. "Iranians love the American style. The grass is greener in the U.S."

In the western neighborhood of Shahrak-e Gharb, BurgerHouse sees itself as the pioneer of Tehran's hamburger craze. In business for three years, owner Amir Javadi said no one else was selling quality burgers in the city when he opened, and then "this year, all of a sudden, burger joints started sprouting like mushrooms."

To Javadi, the success of burgers in Tehran is unconnected to any particular cultural trends or preferences beyond the simple pleasures of the food itself.

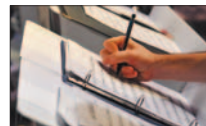
"No one looks at a burger as something American or even foreign anymore," Javadi said. "It's one of the world's favorite foods."

**‘It’s a short escape into a different environment. Iranians love the American style. The grass is greener in the U.S.’**

Arash Farhadpour-Shirazi  
co-owner of Garage Grill in Tehran

## EUROPE

# Lifting the high notes



## DODDS-Europe jazz seminar takes student musicians to a new level

By JENNIFER H. SVAN

Stars and Stripes

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany — Kris-Tyan Streeter doesn't recall precisely how long he's played the trombone.

"I think this is my fourth year," he said. "I think I've been doing it for three, but it might be two. I'm not sure."

The Rota High School senior ended up playing it because his small school band needed more trombone players. "Taught myself," he said.

Streeter is glad he did. He's one of five trombonists selected to participate in this week's Department of Defense Dependents' Schools-Europe annual jazz seminar.

More than 100 students in DODDS-Europe auditioned for the 33 spots in the program's big band and small vocal ensemble, said DODDS-Europe fine arts coordinator Hope Matthews.

The students began rehearsing Sunday for three performances in the Kaiserslautern area beginning Thursday evening.

The music has "been challenging," Alex Mench, 15, a Kaiserslautern High School sophomore trombonist, said Tuesday. "But I can feel myself getting it. You can see that it's getting better. You can hear the improvements that everyone is making."

Many, like Mench, come from larger schools in DODDS-Europe with an actual jazz band or jazz seminar class, such as Kaiserslautern, Ramstein and Patch high schools. A few are like Streeter, from schools with no jazz programs or very small ones.

"We lost all our saxophones. (We have) one other trombone, a trumpet; we've got a tuba," Streeter said, describing Rota's "zero-hour" jazz class, which meets an hour before school starts. The auditions for the DODDS-Europe jazz seminar are blind, so the committee that makes the final selections doesn't know from which schools the students come, Matthews said.

"This is an opportunity for kids that don't get to play jazz so much to have an opportunity to come and participate in this," she said.

For students who take jazz at school, "this takes them to a new level," Matthews said. "They get to experience things that they would not do in a normal classroom."

Ross Cowart, 17, a senior from Ramstein High School, was playing the bass Tuesday and taking an occasional turn on the bongos during his third year participating in the jazz seminar.

"It's just a great experience," he said. "Everyone always comes out with something; they're always a better player."

Cowart, who attributes his love of music to listening to his



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**Above:** Kaiserslautern's Cameron Collums plays the bass during a rehearsal at the DODDS-Europe jazz seminar at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, on Tuesday. Thirty-three students from high schools across Europe participated in the annual event that features the band and a vocal ensemble. **Top:** A musician makes a note on his sheet music.

### Related video & photos online

Watch these talented students hone their skills in rehearsal. Plus, many more photos from the seminar.  
[stripes.com/go/doddsjazz](http://stripes.com/go/doddsjazz)

### Concert schedule

The DODDS-Europe jazz seminar big band and vocal ensemble perform three free concerts: 10 a.m. Thursday at Kaiserslautern High School; 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Landstuhl Stdtchalle; and 9:50 a.m. Friday at Ramstein High School. The evening performance at Kaiserslautern High will be live-streamed at [www.doddsjazz.net](http://www.doddsjazz.net).

mother's jazz records as a 5-year-old, picked up the bass in middle school because the band needed a bass player and because "basses get a lot of gigs; there's not too many of us."

Cowart and the rest of the big band rehearsed on the stage inside the old Nightingale Theater on Ramstein, where the U.S. Air Forces in Europe band also practices, running through compositions such as "Hay Burner" by Sammy Nestico and "Crystal Si-



**Left:** Alconbury's Amy Young sings with the vocal ensemble during Wednesday's rehearsal. **Right:** Guest conductor Darmon Meader claps out the time while directing the jazz big band.

lence" by Chick Corea.

"We are slowly moving towards perfection," said Darmon Meader, the seminar's guest conductor.

Meader is the newest addition to the seminar, now in its 31st year. He replaced legendary trombonist Jiggs Whigham, who led the big band portion for 29 years and will play the trombone as a guest soloist when the band performs Duke Ellington's "In a Sentimental Mood."

The seminar's organizers



wanted to take this year's event "in a new direction," Matthews said. "We wanted to highlight the vocal ensemble more."

Meader, a saxophonist and vocalist from New York who sings with New York Voices, an internationally known jazz quartet, is directing both the instrumentalists and vocalists.

He spent Tuesday afternoon leading the vocal ensemble through numbers he arranged, including Ellington's "Do Nothin'

Till You Hear from Me" and Paul Simon's "Me and Julio Down by the Schoolyard."

Alconbury High School junior Amy Young said she auditioned for one of eight spots in the vocal ensemble because she "always heard that jazz (seminar) is elite, that it's a really good program."

As a soprano, she's found jazz more challenging than anything she's sung. "Choral music can be more operatic," she said. "The jazz, it's more just like feeling the music and blending it together."

"The kids who are putting in the time to practice and work on their music skills at this age, they get it," Meader said. "They understand the idea of discipline and hard work, that those things are going to get you somewhere."

Eric Measells, a music teacher at Schweinfurt High School and this year's program director for the seminar, said he hopes students "just develop a love of music, a love of jazz and want to continue."

"The kids walk away inspired to do just about anything," he said. "They walk into the hotel (after rehearsals) smiling and still singing."

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# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## University investigates clinic's sperm mix-up

**UT** SALT LAKE CITY — The University of Utah is investigating a complaint that a convicted felon working at a fertility clinic replaced a customer's sperm with his own, fathering a girl 21 years ago.

The mother of the girl, Pamela Branum, said she and her husband discovered a genetic mismatch in their daughter, and were able to trace her lineage with help from relatives of the now-deceased fertility clinic worker, Thomas Ray Lippert.

"I don't think we're the only ones," Branum told CBS affiliate KUTV in Salt Lake City. "We think we're one of many" victims who used a clinic that was operated by faculty members.

The University of Utah says there is "credible" evidence of semen tampering or mislabeling. A university hotline has fielded 17 calls in recent days about possible tampering of semen samples at the clinic.

## Fugitive who left shoe at crime scene arrested

**TX** SAN ANTONIO — Federal agents have apprehended a fugitive near San Antonio two years after he left a shoe behind while allegedly trying to storm a Colorado home with others.

Mario Andreas Godinez was arrested Tuesday by the U.S. Marshals Service on a charge of attempted murder. The 20-year-old was being held at the Bexar County jail awaiting extradition to Weld County, Colo.

## Leopard kills female in mating attempt

**PA** ERIE — A male leopard has killed a female leopard after workers at a Pennsylvania zoo put them together in an off-exhibit area in hopes they would mate.

The Erie Times News reported the attack occurred Monday at the Erie Zoo.

The zoo's executive director, Scott Mitchell, said the male, Edgar, 5, killed a female, Lina, 7. Mitchell said the female cat was in heat at the time of the attack. The animals had been paired in the past without incident.

## Empire State Building sues over topless shots

**NY** NEW YORK — A fashioning lawsuit for taking pictures of a topless model on the observation deck of the Empire State Building.

The owners of the New York City landmark filed a \$1.1 million lawsuit against Allen Henson for photographing her in August.

According to court papers filed Monday, Henson didn't apply for permission and never notified the building about his plans for the photo shoot. Building representatives called it objectionable and inappropriate because the observation deck is a family and tourist attraction.

## THE CENSUS

**59** The approximate age of a Nile hippopotamus, believed to be the oldest in North America, that has died at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. The male hippo was euthanized Monday due to "advanced age-related ailments." A zoo announcement said the hippo, named Blackie, sired three male offspring after arriving at the zoo from Africa in 1955. Blackie was born in a game sanctuary in Tanzania. The zoo said hippos typically live 30 to 40 years in the wild and can live longer in captivity.



**\$250** The proposed fine truckers would face for spilling manure, according to a bill under consideration by the Nebraska Legislature. Sen. Heath Mello, of Omaha, introduced the bill last year to increase the fine from its current \$100. Mello said the cost of a truck wash is cheaper than the fine, encouraging some bad actors to dump the contents of their trucks.



CHARLES FOX, THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER/AP

## Fine day for a stroll

A woman power walks in Cooper River Park in Pennsauken Township, Pa., on Monday as temperatures rose to the mid-50s.

## Biologist sentenced for feeding killer whales

**CA** SAN JOSE — A prominent California marine biologist was sentenced Monday after pleading guilty to violating the Marine Mammal Protection Act by feeding killer whales in the wild, a misdemeanor.

Nancy Black was sentenced to three years of probation, \$12,500 in fines and 300 hours of community service.

Black, who runs a popular whale-watching tour on Monterey Bay, had pleaded guilty to one count of violating the federal act when she fed whale blubber to orcas in the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary from 2004 and 2005.

## Nevada to keep 'none of the above' ballot option

**NV** CARSON CITY — Nevada's unique "none of

the above" voting option for statewide races will remain an election spoiler for the foreseeable future.

The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday declined to consider an appeal by national Republicans.

The "none" option has been on the ballot in Nevada since 1976. It applies only to statewide races.

Republicans sued to get it stricken from the ballot in 2012, fearing that "none of the above" could siphon votes from a disgruntled electorate and sway the outcome of a close presidential race and Nevada U.S. Senate contest.

## Absentee ballot voting by military improving

**CT** HARTFORD — Secretary of the State Denise Merrill said absentee ballot voting by military members stationed overseas improved dramatically in Connecticut between

2010 and 2012.

Merrill said 94 percent of absentee ballots requested by servicemembers overseas were returned in time to be counted during the 2012 presidential election. She said that's a 30 percent improvement over the 2010 state and federal election.

## Santas who rode 'Polar Express' say goodbye

**IL** AURORA — Some Chicago-area Santas who got word they can't return on the "Polar Express" next year because of a legal dispute gathered to say goodbye to the traditional holiday events.

The Santa Claus gathering came after Warner Bros. notified dozens of Chicago-area attractions late last year that the just-completed holiday season would be the last time they could use the "Polar Express" name in their long-running holiday events with-

out the company, which owns the "Polar Express" name, getting a hefty licensing fee, the (Aurora) Beacon-News reported.

## Bar goes smoke-free on whim of its owner

**AK** WRANGELL — There's only three bars open year-round in Wrangell, and one of them has gone smoke-free.

Wrangell isn't the type of town where going smoke-free would be an obvious choice. When people walk into a bar, you'd see a cigarette in the hands of customers, sometimes the majority of customers' hands, KSTK reported.

Reme Privett, the owner of Rayme's, said the bar went smoke-free on New Year's Day.

"It's more of a trend," he said. "It had nothing to do with health. My employees down there, they've never voiced an opinion either way."

From wire reports



## FACES



NBC

## Double take

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie's favorite rock star has something to say about Bridgegate. Appearing on "Late Night with Jimmy Fallon" on Wednesday morning, Bruce Springsteen, left, joined Fallon, right, in a parody song called "Gov. Chris Christie's Fort Lee, New Jersey Traffic Jam," set to the tune "Born to Run." Christie considers himself among Springsteen's biggest fans and said he wept after he got a hug from Springsteen at a concert in 2012. To see the video: [tinyurl.com/lceqneu](http://tinyurl.com/lceqneu)

## 'Grown Ups 2' leads Razzies worst-of list

From wire reports

"Grown Ups 2" is making the most noise at this year's Golden Raspberry Awards.

The silly comedy sequel about four childhood friends starring Adam Sandler, Kevin James, Chris Rock and David Spade led the Razzie lineup Tuesday with eight nominations, including worst picture, sequel, ensemble, screenplay, lead actor for Sandler, supporting actor for Taylor Lautner, supporting actress for Salma Hayek and director for Dennis Dugan.

Sandler is no stranger to the Razzies, which launched in 1980 as a spoof of Hollywood's awards season. He won the worst actor trophy last year for the man-child comedy "That's My Boy," and his 2011 cross-dressing comedy "Jack and Jill" made Razzie history the year before with a record 10 awards, with Sandler winning both the worst actor and actress prizes.

This year's other worst-picture nominees are the Wild West romp "The Lone Ranger" starring Johnny Depp and Armie Hammer, Tyler Perry's holiday comedy "A Madea Christmas," sci-fi coming-of-age story "After Earth" starring Will and Jaden Smith, and comedy anthology "Movie 43" featuring the likes of Kate Winslet, Richard Gere, Hugh Jackman and Halle Berry.

"After Earth," "A Madea Christmas" and "Movie 43" are tied with six nods each. Winners for the 34th annual Razzies will be announced March 1.

## Luke Bryan making the jump to stadiums on tour

Three years ago, Luke Bryan was a promising down-bill opening act. This



SONY-COLUMBIA PICTURES/AP

From left, Kevin James, Adam Sandler and Chris Rock star in "Grown Ups 2." The movie has eight Razzie nominations.

summer he'll join the touring elite with three stadium dates planned as part of his That's My Kinda Night Tour.

The country music star during a Tuesday morning news conference announced the stadium shows in Pittsburgh in June and Philadelphia and Chicago in August. Bryan said he's stepping everything up as he heads into just his second headlining tour of about 80 dates.

"My main thing is more lights, more speakers, more video, more camera guys, more things to make it a very special, interactive experience with the fans," Bryan said.

## Other news

■ The Grammys have added fuel to its planned weekend of celebrating Beatlemania with a performance from Paul McCartney and Ringo Starr. McCartney and Starr are slated to receive the Recording Academy's lifetime achievement award the day before the telecast. Macklemore

& Ryan Lewis, Kacey Musgraves, John Legend, Taylor Swift and Keith Urban have also been added to lineup of performers for the Grammy Awards on Jan. 26, the Recording Academy announced.

■ Larry King will soon help rule the roasts at the Friars Club. The longtime TV and radio host is the new dean of the century-old organization famous for its raunchy celebrity tributes.

■ One Direction member Liam Payne says he is sorry for being "stupid and irresponsible" after he was photographed standing on a building ledge 34 stories above the ground. A photo published Wednesday in British tabloid the Sun shows the boy-band singer standing on the ledge of a high-rise with a city that appears to be London behind him.

■ Beverly Hills, Calif., police say they're investigating Kanye West for misdemeanor or battery after a man accused the rapper of attacking him. Sgt. George DeMarois says witnesses identified West as being involved in an altercation around 12:15 p.m. on Monday. The rapper had left the premises by the time officers arrived.

■ Marvin Gaye's children have settled claims against a music company owned by Sony over Robin Thicke's song "Blurred Lines." A Los Angeles judge on Tuesday granted Nona Gaye and Frankie Christian Gaye's dismissal of their lawsuit against EMI, which is owned by Sony/ATV Music Publishing. Documents say the Gayes and Sony have an agreement and claims against Sony can't be brought again.

■ Ashlee Simpson is engaged to boyfriend Evan Ross, the son of Diana Ross. The pair announced the news Monday on Twitter and it was confirmed by Simpson's publicist, Janet Ringwood.

## Detectives search Bieber's Calif. home

The Associated Press

Detectives searched Justin Bieber's home looking for surveillance footage that might serve as evidence the pop star was involved in an egg-tossing vandalism case that caused thousands of dollars in damage to a neighbor's home, an official said Tuesday.

Roughly a dozen investigators searched Bieber's home and arrested one member of the singer's entourage on suspicion of drug possession, Lt. David Thompson said.

The man was later identified as Lil Za, a rapper whose real name is Xavier Smith. Jail records show Smith, 20, was being held in lieu of \$20,000 bail. Thompson said the drugs linked to Smith were in plain sight when detectives searched Bieber's house. The drug was initially described as cocaine, but authorities later said they were testing it to verify its contents.

Bieber, 19, was at the home and cooperated with authorities but was not interviewed by detectives. Thompson said he expected the singer to speak with detectives when his attorney could be present.

"He has not been arrested, nor has he been exonerated," Thompson said of Bieber.

Thompson declined to describe what evidence investigators took from Bieber's home, but said the emphasis wasn't on what was in the pop star's refrigerator.

He said the house Bieber allegedly egged had custom wood and other expensive features and that several thousands of dollars in damage occurred. Thompson added that a judge authorized the search warrant. The singer lives in a gated community in Calabasas, Calif., located about 30 miles northwest of downtown Los Angeles.

## Chris Pine criticizes Russia's anti-gay law

Chris Pine says the U.S. should have done more in the run-up to the Sochi Olympics to protest Russia's anti-gay legislation, which he calls "clearly awful, archaic, hostile nonsense."

"I think we should do more than just send gay Olympians there," the 33-year-old actor said in an interview while promoting his film "Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit." "What's happening there in terms of gay rights or the lack of it is extraordinary and awful."

Pine's character tries to thwart a terror attack on the U.S. that originates in Russia and takes on a powerful Russian tech magnate in his new movie, opening in the U.S. on Friday. It's based on the late author Tom Clancy's work but doesn't revolve around the plot of any single book.

The Ryan character, portrayed in previous films by Alec Baldwin, Harrison Ford and Ben Affleck, was originally a CIA operative working during the Cold War. The new Ryan faces a different landscape.

"It's not like the Bay of Pigs where nuclear war is going to start at the drop of a hat. At least it's not there," Pine said of current U.S.-Russia relations.

From The Associated Press

## BUSINESS/WEATHER

## Holiday sales rise on discounts, Web

By ANNE D'INNOCENZIO

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Holiday shoppers were more than willing to spend during the holiday season, if they saw big discounts or were shopping online.

Sales rose 3.8 percent from last year for November and December combined, according to the National Retail Federation's analysis of federal figures. That was a healthy gain in a season that kept merchants worried right up until Christmas as people held off on spending.

That caution and increased online shopping made the holiday less festive at the mall. Shoppers stayed away from many traditional destinations such as department stores and electronics stores.

The sales increase came in just shy of the trade group's forecast of a 3.9 percent gain. It was better than the 3.5 percent increase in 2012 and the 3.3 percent average for the past 10 years.

"It was a knock-down, drag-out battle between retailers to see who could discount the most to generate the most traffic," said Ken Perkins, president of Retail Metrics LLC, a research firm.

For retailers, those discounts came straight out of their profits. Many have cut their forecasts for the fourth quarter, and profits are expected to be the weakest since the second quarter of 2009, when the economy was coming out of the Great Recession.

Perkins estimates that fourth-quarter profits will fall 0.7 percent from last year, the first decline since a 6.7 percent drop seen during the second quarter of 2009, according to his tally of 120 retailers.

January is already off to a slow start. Some stores like Express Inc. and Lululemon Athletica have said weak January sales are compounding their holiday season woes.

Express said it plans to continue heavy sales promotions,

which it expects to last through the month.

"The consumer is fatigued and taking a break," Perkins said.

Retailers' fiscal year typically ends in late January or early February to include the pre-Christmas and post-Christmas seasons. A lot is at stake. November and December account for 20 percent of the retail industry's annual sales, on average.

Jack Kleinhenz, economist at the National Retail Federation, agrees that the holiday season was challenging.

"It ended on a solid pace, but it was tempered by consumers' selectivity and preference to discounts," he said.

The National Retail Federation's figures include online sales but exclude sales at automotive dealers, gas stations and restaurants.

They're extrapolated from Commerce Department retail sales figures, which were also released Tuesday.

That report showed retail sales

rose 0.2 percent in December compared with November. That followed strong gains in October and November, helped by healthy auto sales.

According to the National Retail Federation's analysis of holiday business, sales rose 3 percent in November and 4.6 percent in December from a year earlier.

The results highlight how Americans' shopping habits are changing, posing challenges for retailers in 2014.

## MARKET WATCH

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Dow Jones Industrials	+115.92
	16,373.86
Nasdaq composite	+69.71
	4,183.02
Standard & Poor's 500	+19.68
	1,838.88
Russell 2000	+15.33
	1,163.42

## EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (Jan. 16)	\$1.7156
Dollar buys (Jan. 16)	€0.7156
British pound (Jan. 16)	\$1.6168
Japanese yen (Jan. 16)	¥101.00
South Korean won (Jan. 16)	₩1,036.00

## Commercial rates

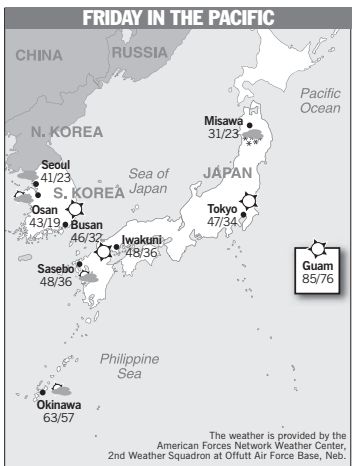
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
British pound	\$1.6339
Canada (dollar)	1.0988
China (Yuan)	6.0463
Japanese yen (Jan. 16)	¥101.00
Egypt (Pound)	0.9645
Euro	\$1.7156
Hong Kong (dollar)	7.7541
Hungary (Forint)	220.89
Israel (Sheqel)	3.4828
Japan (Yen)	104.44
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2830
Norway (Krone)	6.1325
Philippines (Peso)	45.12
Poland (Zloty)	3.06
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7506
Singapore (Dollar)	1.2732
South Korea (Won)	1,064.46
Switzerland (Franc)	0.9098
Taiwan (Dollar)	32.85
Turkey (Lira)	2.1539

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

## INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	7.75
Federal funds market rate	0.07
3-month bill	0.23
30-year bond	3.80

## WEATHER OUTLOOK



## Thursday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Ableene, Texas	62	30	Cir	Chatanooga	43	29	Pcldy	Fort Wayne	31	20	Snow	Louisville	36	26	Cldy
Akron, Ohio	29	22	Cldy	Chicago	42	23	Cir	Fresno	69	35	Cir	Lubbock	58	25	Cir
Albany, N.Y.	38	25	Cldy	Cincinnati	34	14	Cldy	Goodland	45	16	Cldy	Macon	48	32	Cir
Albuquerque	53	27	Cir	Cleveland	30	23	Cldy	Grand Junction	31	9	Cir	Madison	32	8	Snow
Allentown, Pa.	39	26	Pcldy	Colorado Springs	50	22	Cir	Great Falls	48	24	Pcldy	Medford	46	28	Pcldy
Amarillo	53	25	Cir	Columbia, S.C.	48	29	Cir	Green Bay	41	10	Cir	Midland-Odessa	60	26	Cir
Anchorage	34	31	Cir	Columbus, Ga.	48	36	Cir	Hartford	39	27	Pcldy	Milwaukee	33	15	Cldy
Asheville	40	24	Pcldy	Concord, N.H.	39	26	Cldy	Helena	43	25	Cir	Minneapolis-St. Paul	29	-3	Snow
Atlanta	44	33	Cir	Corpus Christi	70	47	Cir	Honolulu	81	67	Pcldy	Missoula	36	21	Cldy
Atlantic City	43	26	Pcldy	Dallas-Ft. Worth	65	36	Pcldy	Houston	67	40	Pcldy	Montgomery	49	32	Cir
Austin	43	27	Pcldy	Dayton	32	21	Cldy	Huntsville	45	29	Pcldy	Nashville	44	27	Cir
Baltimore	41	28	Pcldy	Daytona Beach	52	36	Cir	Indianapolis	34	18	Cir	New Orleans	55	41	Cir
Baton Rouge	67	36	Pcldy	Denver	47	21	Cir	Jackson, Miss.	57	32	Pcldy	New York City	42	31	Pcldy
Bilings	39	31	Pcldy	Des Moines	36	6	Cir	Jacksonville	51	37	Cir	Newark	42	31	Cir
Bismarck	24	0	Cir	Detroit	32	25	Snow	Kansas City	42	14	Cir	Norfolk, Va.	46	31	Cir
Boise	40	29	Cir	Duluth	50	-6	Snow	Key West	41	28	Pcldy	North Platte	42	14	Cir
Boston	41	31	Cldy	El Paso	62	30	Cir	Lake Charles	62	41	Cir	Omaha	35	8	Snow
Bridgport	41	31	Cldy	Elkins	34	21	Pcldy	Lansing	30	23	Cir	Orlando	55	37	Cir
Brownsville	72	51	Cir	Erie	29	24	Cldy	Las Vegas	71	43	Cir	Paderborn	44	22	Cir
Buffalo	32	26	Cir	Eugene	42	28	Cir	Little Rock	56	27	Pcldy	Philadelphia	40	30	Pcldy
Burlington, Vt.	34	25	Cir	Evansville	40	21	Cldy	Los Angeles	84	53	Cir	Phoenix	76	47	Cir
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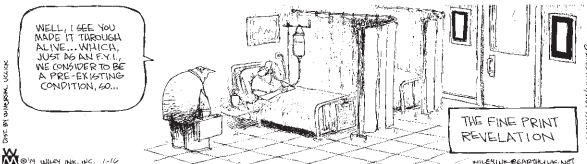
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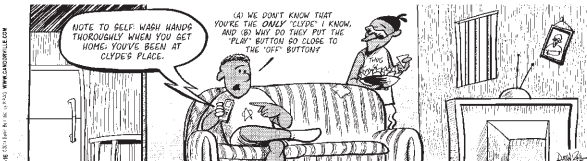
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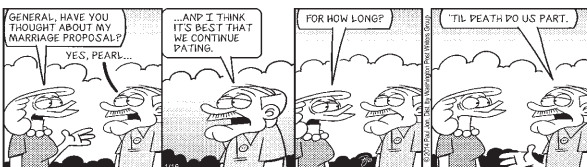
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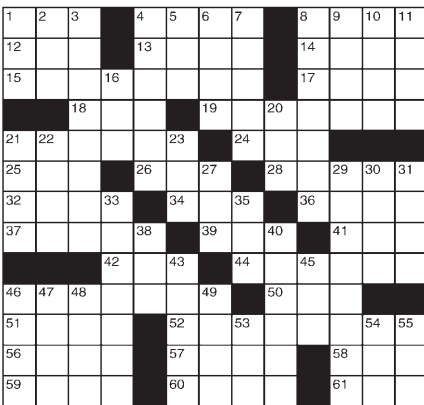
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- Complaint
- Coaster
- Zodiac sign
- Eye layer
- Aesopian also-ran
- Pigskin
- Operatic highlight
- Seagoing jalopy
- Sling mud
- Get a move on
- Baltimore newspaper
- Ostrich's cousin
- Early bird?
- First family of the 1970s
- Slightly
- No longer chic
- Biblical boatwright
- Yoga position
- PC alternative
- Discoverer's call
- for fat
- Nudge
- Proper conduct
- Weep
- Finished
- Transports hooch
- Carnival attraction
- Exile isle
- Away from WSW
- Begged
- Use a teaspoon
- Regret

### DOWN

- TV alien
- "Gloria in Excelsis —"
- Snazzy 1940s attire
- With 27-Down, Bazooka product
- Actress Longoria
- Snaky fish
- Sioux —, S.D.
- Irish river
- Fat
- One of HOMES
- Cherished
- Historic boy king
- "— Wiedersehen"
- Get better
- Knob on a shield
- Id counterpart
- See 4-Down
- Floar ingredient, often
- Wonka creator
- Old woman's home?
- Coached
- Mahal
- Knightly address
- Share the marquee
- Go down the — (collapse)
- Scale member
- Dutch village
- Satiric
- Reinquinsh
- Shed
- Japanese sash
- Wildebseest
- Witness

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: F equals V





## NHL

## Roundup

## Jagr moves to No. 7 in goals as Devils win

The Associated Press

MONTREAL — New Jersey Devils veterans Jaromir Jagr and Martin Brodeur just keep summing good hockey out of their 41-year-old bodies.

The sure-fire Hall of Famers stole the show at the Bell Centre on Tuesday night, with Jagr moving past Mark Messier for seventh place on the NHL's career goal list and Brodeur stopping 29 shots in a 4-1 win over the Montreal Canadiens.

"We talk to each other a lot about certain things," Brodeur said. "I think we have a lot in common about what our careers brought us."

"It's nice to relate to a guy. It's been a while since I've been able to do that here in New Jersey because we had so many young guys. It's been fun with Jaromir. It's pretty impressive what he's accomplished."

Jagr tied the game at 17:23 of the first period with his first goal in 11 games and his 14th of the season. But more importantly, it was the 695th of a career that began in 1990 with Pittsburgh.

The goal came days after he passed former Penguins teammate Mario Lemieux for seventh place in career points with 1,724. Brodeur, making his first start

in four games, extended his NHL record for wins to 682, although Max Pacioretty's goal at the 7:00 mark of the first period kept his shutout record at 124.

At the end, both were called onto the ice for an ovation from the 21,273 Bell Centre fans as Brodeur was named first star and Jagr got second star.

"I didn't expect that in somebody else's building, but there's a little history here for me," said Brodeur, a Montreal native whose father, Denis, was the Canadiens' longtime team photographer. "It's definitely nice of them to do that."

Goals early in the second frame from youngsters Eric Gelinas and Adam Henrique were the difference. Dainius Zubrus scored into an empty net, with an assist from Jagr, in the final minute.

**Avalanche 3, Blackhawks 2 (OT):** Tyson Barrie scored his second goal of the game on a power play at 4:09 of overtime to lift Colorado past host Chicago.

**Predators 4, Flames 2:** Ryan Ellis ended a 42-game scoring drought by notching the first of host Nashville's three three-period goals and added an assist to lead the Predators over Calgary. **Sharks 2, Capitals 1 (SO):** Patrick Marleau scored the only goal of the shootout, lifting visiting San Jose over Washington.



RYAN REMOZ, THE CANADIAN PRESS/AP

**Montreal Canadiens right wing George Parros is sandwiched between New Jersey Devils goalie Martin Brodeur and right wing Mike Siso in the first period on Tuesday in Montreal.**

Alexander Ovechkin scored his league-leading 33rd goal at 12:44 of the second period and Ben Bishop made 33 saves in his return from injury as visiting Tampa Bay ended New York's three-game winning streak.

**Maple Leafs 4, Bruins 3:** Tyler Bozak scored twice and Phil Kessel had three assists as visiting Toronto held off Boston.

**Lightning 2, Rangers 1:** Victor Hedman and Nikita Kucheryov

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**Flies 4, Sabres 3:** Vincent Lecavalier scored with 15 seconds remaining to cap a topsy-turvy finish, sending Philadelphia to victory over host Buffalo. Scott

Hartnell had a goal and two assists and Wayne Simmonds set up two goals in helping Philadelphia snap a two-game skid.

**Stars 5, Oilers 2:** Ryan Garbutt had a goal and two assists as host Dallas ended a six-game losing streak with a victory over Edmonton. Jamie Benn scored a rare power-play goal for the Stars, who had not won since New Year's Eve.

**Panthers 4, Islanders 2:** Scottie Upshall scored a short-handed goal and had an assist to carry host Florida past New York. Nick Bjugstad, Drew Shore and Alexander Barkov also scored for the Panthers.

**Blues 2, Coyotes 1:** T.J. Oshie scored twice, Jaroslav Halak made 20 saves and host St. Louis sent Phoenix to its season-high fourth straight loss. The Blues have won eight of nine as Halak improved to 19-6-3 with his second and successive win after missing five games because of illness.

**Sensors 3, Wild 0:** Kyle Turris had a goal and an assist and Robin Lehner made 27 saves for his second career shutout as visiting Ottawa beat Minnesota to head home after earning seven of a power-play opportunity on a four-game road trip. Clarke MacArthur and Erik Conradi also scored for the Senators.

## Scoreboard

## Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	GP	W	L
Boston	47	28	14	4	60	136	113	28	14
Tampa Bay	47	26	16	5	57	118	111	26	16
Montreal	47	22	20	5	51	126	146	22	20
Florida	46	20	20	5	50	118	127	20	20
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Metropolitan Division									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	GP	W	L
Pittsburgh	47	33	12	2	68	152	122	33	12
Washington	47	32	16	6	52	137	137	32	16
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Columbus	46	22	20	4	48	129	131	22	20
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## Western Conference

Central Division									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	GP	W	L
Chicago	47	30	11	5	71	177	135	30	11
St. Louis	45	32	8	5	69	163	100	32	8
Minnesota	47	29	15	5	66	163	100	29	15
St. Louis	46	25	19	5	55	118	122	25	19
Nashville	46	20	21	7	49	132	141	20	21
Winnipeg	46	20	23	5	47	113	143	20	23

Pacific Division									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	GP	W	L
Anaheim	48	35	8	5	75	161	119	35	8
San Jose	47	30	11	5	64	150	111	30	11
Los Angeles	47	28	14	5	61	120	96	28	14
San Jose	46	25	17	5	58	135	113	25	17
Phoenix	46	21	19	5	51	135	143	21	19
Calgary	47	15	25	6	38	105	148	15	25
Vancouver	46	15	26	3	38	105	148	15	26

Note: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

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Phoenix	0	1	0-1
St. Louis	1	1	0-2

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**Second Period**—2. St. Louis, Oshlie 10 (Backes, Shattenkirk); 12:54 (pp, 3). Phoenix, Ekan-Larsson 6 (Yandle, Boedker); 19:22 (pp).

**Shots on Goal**—Phoenix 4-9-8—21. St. Louis 6-10-12—18.

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**Goalies**—Phoenix, Smith 15-13-8 (18 shots, 16 saves). St. Louis, Halak 19-6-3 (20).

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## SPORTS BRIEFS

# Reports: Vikings hire Zimmer as new coach

The Associated Press

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — The Minnesota Vikings have chosen Cincinnati Bengals defensive coordinator Mike Zimmer as their new head coach, according to multiple media reports.

Zimmer will replace Leslie Frazier, who was fired after the team finished 5-10-1 this season. Zimmer will be the ninth head coach in the franchise's 54-year history, according to reports that emerged Wednesday.

General manager Rick Spielman interviewed at least seven candidates for the job including Zimmer, who spent Tuesday at Vikings headquarters. Zimmer has been an NFL defensive coordinator for the last 14 seasons, six with the Bengals. He has 20 years as an NFL assistant on his resume.

Zimmer also interviewed for the vacancy in Tennessee, which went to Ken Whisenand. He has been a candidate for the top job several times in the past, too, including with Cleveland, Miami and Tampa Bay.

The Bengals were third in the league in yards allowed and fifth in points against this season. After the team lost in the first round of the playoffs for the third straight year and Zimmer surfaced as a leading candidate around the league, Bengals cornerback Terence Newman said tweeted: "Mike Zimmer is and always will be the best option to be head coach who is not one."

Several Bengals tweeted similar praise after the news emerged Wednesday, including linebacker Rey Maualuga: "Gonna miss you coach Zimmer! Wish you nothing but the best in Minnesota. You brought out the best in each of your players! So honored to have been coached by you!"

The 57-year-old played at Illinois State and spent 14 seasons coaching in the college ranks before being hired in 1994 as an assistant with Dallas. He got a Super Bowl ring the following season as defensive backs coach. Then he became defensive coordinator of the Cowboys in 2000 and spent seven seasons at that post, the last four under coach Bill Parcells. Zimmer led defenses in Dallas that operated in both the 4-3 and 3-4 alignments, including the 2003 group that surrendered the fewest yards in the league.

Vikings owners Zygi Wilf and Mark Wilf, natives of New Jersey, grew up as New York Giants fans and are admirers of Parcells from his days coaching that team.

After one tumultuous year as the defensive coordinator for Atlanta, when Falcons coach Bobby Petrino quit midseason in 2007, Zimmer went to Cincinnati to work for Coach Marvin Lewis.

Five of the seven reported

candidates who interviewed for the vacancy had defensive backgrounds: Seattle defensive coordinator Dan Quinn, Cleveland defensive coordinator Ray Horton, Arizona defensive coordinator Todd Bowles, San Francisco defensive line coach Jim Tomsula and Zimmer. The other two were offensive coordinators: Seattle's Darrell Bevell and San Francisco's Greg Roman.

## American Shiffrin wins another slalom

FLACHAU, Austria — American teenager Mikaela Shiffrin cemented her status as the best slalom skier in the women's World Cup on Tuesday, winning a night race just 38 days before the same

event at the Sochi Olympics.

Shiffrin held on to a commanding 0.90-second first-run lead to earn her third victory this season and seventh overall.

The 18-year-old racer from Eagle-Vail, Colo. overcame two mistakes in her final run to finish in a combined time of 1 minute, 45.83 seconds and beat Frida Hansdotter of Sweden by 0.83. Another Swede, Maria Pietilä-Holmner, was 1.14 back in third.

In other skiing news:

■ Austrian skier Benjamin Raich will miss the super-combined at the Sochi Olympics unless the sport's ruling body makes an exception and lets the 2006 two-time gold medalist compete despite having failed to qualify.

The Austrian team said Wednesday it will ask the International

Ski Federation for the exception for Raich on medical grounds.

## Datsyuk named Russia's Olympic hockey captain

MOSCOW — Detroit Red Wings center Pavel Datsyuk has been named captain of Russia's Olympic hockey team.

Datsyuk is recovering from a lower-body injury that has sidelined him almost two weeks. This will be his fourth Olympics.

Datsyuk says on Twitter he is "honored" by the captain's spot. He adds that the team "embraces the opportunity and responsibility of representing our country on the home ice."

The Russian staff chose the 35-year-old Datsyuk over such

candidates as Washington Capitals star Alex Ovechkin and Ilya Kovalchuk.

## Hairston joins NBDL team in Texas

Former North Carolina swingman P.J. Hairston has a new team: the Texas Legends.

The Legends of the NBA Development League said Tuesday they had acquired the Tar Heels' leading scorer from last year. The team said Hairston — who didn't play at UNC this season due to NCAA violations — is the first player to enter the NBDL at mid-season after starting the year in college.

The team says Hairston is expected to be uniform Saturday.



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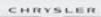
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## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

## Pitt stays unbeaten in ACC

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Pittsburgh kept coming, in waves, furiously pounding the boards.

In no time at all, the 22nd-ranked Panthers have put their stamp on the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Talib Zanna scored 22 points, James Robinson added 16 and Pittsburgh pulled away in the second half, remaining perfect in the ACC with a bruising 81-74 victory over Georgia Tech on Tuesday night.

The Panthers (16-1, 4-0) did most of their work on the inside, piling up an astonishing 38-18 rebounding edge.

"This is the first team I've seen in the ACC that attacks the glass like they did," Georgia Tech sophomore Marcus Georges-Hunt said. "If one guy misses, they're all on the glass."

Pitt trailed 35-32 at halftime but quickly seized control after the break for its sixth straight victory. Georgia Tech (10-7, 1-3) called a couple of quick timeouts, trying to stem the onslaught, but the Yellow Jackets couldn't prevent another victory by the conference newcomer.

Next up for the Panthers: a Saturday showdown with the ACC's other new member, second-ranked and unbeaten Syracuse.

"We didn't even bring up the thought that Syracuse was coming up down the schedule," Robinson said. "We knew we had to come in here and battle."

Giving Pitt a bit of a scare in the final minute, Georgia Tech got as close as 78-74 before the Panthers sealed it at the free throw line. It was their closest victory of the season, the first 15 coming by an average of 17.8 points.

Trae Golden led Georgia Tech with 22 points.



R BRENT SMITH/AP

Indiana guard Kevin "Yogi" Ferrell reacts after a basket in the second half against Wisconsin on Tuesday night at Assembly Hall in Bloomington, Ind. Ferrell scored 25 points as the Hoosiers rallied for the second straight game to defeat the third-ranked Badgers 75-72.

# Hoosiers getting the hang of it

Indiana mounts another rally, hands No. 3 Wisconsin first loss of season

By MICHAEL MAROT  
The Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Tom Crean's message is finally resonating with his players. He can't quibble with the results.

Three days after rallying from a 15-point deficit to win at Penn State, the young Hoosiers did it again by overcoming a 10-point second-half deficit to hand No. 3 Wisconsin its first loss of the season — a stunning 75-72 upset that sent fans streaming onto the floor.

"It's just amazing what happens when some real confidence starts to come," Crean said. "It's still a fight to get them to believe. That's because when we get down 10, they're still not — they're still not quite understand. Sometimes, they're down like that and when they're

not used to it, 15 looks like 25 or 10 looks like 20."

That didn't happen Tuesday night.

Instead, Indiana (12-5, 2-2 Big Ten) stuck to the plan and celebrated its biggest victory of the season with a crowd that seemed to be every bit as excited as the players, who were flailing their arms when the buzzer sounded.

Why not?

Until Saturday, the Hoosiers had beaten only one team from a power conference — Washington — way back in November. Now they have two in a row over conference foes, the second being a signature win that could certainly help their cause with the NCAA tournament selection committee.

Plus, they protected their home court against a foe that had given the Hoosiers nothing but fits over the past seven years.

Wisconsin (16-1, 3-1) entered the night as one of the nation's four unbeaten teams, hoping to become the first team to win 13 straight over Indiana and the first team in a century to win six straight in Bloomington.

"We've come very far, had a lot of early losses, I felt like we learned from that watching film," Kevin "Yogi" Ferrell said after scoring 25 points that included two free throws with 18.1 seconds left to make it a three-point game. "We're going to take this win and be grateful for it."

It wasn't just Ferrell. Senior Will Sheehy scored 13 points and helped stabilize the Hoosiers when they needed it.

Traevon Jackson led Wisconsin with a career-high 21 points.

## AP Top 25 roundup

# Arkansas edges Kentucky in overtime

The Associated Press

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Michael Qualls slammed home a thundering two-hand dunk with .2 seconds remaining in overtime as Arkansas defeated No. 13 Kentucky 87-85 on Tuesday night.

The win ended a two-game losing streak for the Razorbacks (12-4, 1-2 Southeastern Conference), who have won three straight at home over the Wildcats.

Qualls, who finished with 18 points, flew in from the baseline as time was winding

down and corralled Ky Madden's three-point miss for the dunk.

James Young led Kentucky (12-4, 2-1) with 23 points.

**No. 5 Wichita State 72, Bradley 50:** At Wichita, Kan., Fred VanVleet had 22 points and seven rebounds as the Shockers (18-0, 5-0 Missouri Valley Conference) beat Bradley and remained undefeated.

**No. 7 Florida 72, Georgia 50:** At Gainesville, Fla., Michael Frazier II scored a career-high 21 points as the Gators (14-2,

3-0 Southeastern Conference) set a school record for consecutive home wins (25).

**No. 19 Cincinnati 69, Temple 58:** Sean Kilpatrick emerged from a three-point shooting slump, and Justin Jackson had a double-double as host Cincinnati (16-2, 5-0 American Athletic Conference) rallied from a late deficit.

**No. 20 Creighton 88, Butler 60:** At Omaha, Neb., Doug McDermott scored 28 points as the Bluejays (15-2, 5-0 Big East) beat Butler and won their 10th straight.



GARETH PATTERSON/AP

Arkansas players and students celebrate after an 87-85 overtime victory over No. 13 Kentucky on Tuesday night in Fayetteville, Ark.

# NBA

## Scoreboard

### Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	19	17	.528	
Brooklyn	15	22	.405	4½
New York	15	23	.396	5
Boston	13	26	.333	7½
Philadelphia	13	26	.324	7½
Southeast Division				
Miami	27	10	.730	
Atlanta	20	18	.526	7½
Washington	17	19	.472	9½
Charlotte	16	23	.410	12
Orlando	10	28	.263	17½
Central Division				
Indiana	30	8	.789	
Chicago	17	19	.472	12½
Pelot	16	22	.421	14½
Cleveland	14	24	.368	16½
Milwaukee	7	30	.189	23

### Western Conference

Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	30	8	.789	
Houston	25	14	.641	1
Dallas	16	26	.380	7½
Memphis	19	19	.500	9½
New Orleans	15	22	.405	14½
Northwest Division				
Portland	28	9	.757	
Oklahoma City	28	10	.737	½
Denver	18	18	.500	10
Utah	13	26	.333	16
Pacific Division				
L.A. Clippers	26	13	.667	
Golden State	25	14	.641	1
Phoenix	21	16	.568	4
L.A. Lakers	14	24	.368	11½
Sacramento	13	23	.361	11½

**Tuesday's games**  
Indiana 116, Sacramento 90  
Charlotte 108, New York 98  
Memphis 90, Oklahoma City 87  
Cleveland 120, L.A. Lakers 118

**Wednesday's games**  
Chicago at Orlando  
Charlotte at Philadelphia  
Miami at Washington  
Toronto at Boston  
Sacramento at Minnesota  
Memphis at Milwaukee  
Houston at New Orleans  
Utah at San Antonio  
L.A. Lakers at Phoenix  
Cleveland at Portland  
Denver at Golden State  
Dallas at L.A. Clippers

**Thursday's games**  
Brooklyn vs. Atlanta at London  
New York at Indiana  
Oklahoma City at Houston

### Tuesday

**Cavaliers 120, Lakers 118**  
CLEVELAND — Deng 9-5 4-4 27, Thompson 6-15 3-6 15, Varejao 7-11 4-4 18, Irving 5-12 2-13, Miles 2-6 0-5, Waiters 4-11 7-8 27, Zeller 2-5 4-6 8, Jack 1-5 2-7 10, Kibler 4-6 0-0 11, Clark 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 41-88 25 32.0.

**L.A. Lakers** — Johnson 7-13 2-17, Gasol 9-13 2-6 20, Sacks 2-2 0-4, Marshall 4-11 0-10, Meeks 9-14 2-4 26, Hill 2-4 0-0 4, Hill 1-6 10-18 26, Kelly 1-5 1-3, Kaman 3-6 0-0 6. Totals 44-84 17-23 118.

**Cleveland** 28 29 31 32-120  
**L.A. Lakers** 28 29 31 32-118

Three-point Goals—Cleveland 13-17, Deng 5-5, Dellavedova 3-5, Irving 2-2, Waiters 2-2, Miles 1-2, Jack 0-1, L.A. Lakers 15-34 (Meeks 10, Young 4-8, Marshall 2-6, Johnson 1-5, Kaman 0-1, Kelly 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Cleveland 57 (Varejao 18), Lakers 43 (Gasol 12). Assists—Cleveland 27 (Varejao 6), L.A. Lakers 35 (Marshall 16). Total Fouls—Cleveland 21, L.A. Lakers 21. A-18,997 (18,997).



MARK J. TERRILL/AP/Clw

### Cleveland Cavaliers forward Luol Deng scores two of his 27 points as Los Angeles Lakers center Pau Gasol defends on Tuesday.

#### Bobcats 108, Knicks 98

**NEW YORK** — Anthony 9-22 2-2 20, Bargnani 3-4 1-2 5, Chandler 2-2 1-1 5, Felton 1-2 2-2 13, Shumpert 2-5 0-1 5, Martin 3-6 0-6, Stoudemire 6-10 5-5 17, Hardaway Jr. 4-10 2-3 12, Murray 0-3 0-0 0, Udrih 2-3 1-2 6, Tyler 3-4 0-6, Aldrich 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 38-81 14-18 98.

**CHARLOTTE** — Kidd-Gilchrist 3-12 2-4, McRoberts 0-4 4-6 4, Jefferson 14-20 7-8 35, Walker 9-15 5-7 25, Henderson 6-13 4-4 17, Tolliver 3-3 0-0 9, Zeller 1-2 0-0 2, Sessions 1-4 4-4 6, Biyombo 1-2 0-0 2, Douglas-Roberts 0-0 0-0 0, Adrien 0-0 0-0 0, Pargo 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 38-75 26-33 108.

**New York** 28 22 27 25-98  
**Charlotte** 28 28 23 30-108

Three-point Goals—New York 6-17 (Hardaway Jr. 2-6, Felton 1-1, Udrih 1-1, Bargnani 1-1, Shumpert 1-4, Anthony 0-4), Charlotte 6-14 (Tolliver 3-3, Walker 2-5, Henderson 1-3, McRoberts 0-1, Zeller 0-1, Kidd-Gilchrist 0-1). Fouled Out—Martin 6, Charlotte 51 (Jefferson 8), Assist—New York 21 (Udrih 5), Charlotte 21 (Walker, Sessions 5). Total Fouls—New York 23, Charlotte 26. Technicals—Felton, Charlotte Coach Clifford. A-15,156 (18,977).

#### Grizzlies 90, Thunder 87

**OKLAHOMA CITY** — Durant 15-28 7-9, Ibaka 5-13 0-11, Perkins 1-2 0-2, Jackson 6-14 2-2 17, Sefolosha 0-4 0-0 0, Fisher 1-5 0-3, Adams 2-5 1-1 5, Lamb 3-9 3-4 9, Collison 0-3 3-3 3, Totals 33-81 16-20 87.

**MEMPHIS** — Prince 1-4 0-2, Randolph 7-21 9-12 23, Gasol 2-7 6-8 12, Conley 7-18 3-19, Lee 9-15 4-4 24, Davis 3-6 0-0 6, Calathes 0-1 0-0 0, Johnson 2-5 0-0 4, Miller 0-1 0-0 0, Koufos 0-1 0-0 0, Leuer 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 32-80 22 27-90.

**Oklahoma City** 16 31 20 20-87  
**Memphis** 24 19 29 19-80

Three-point Goals—Oklahoma City 5-21 (Jackson 3-5, Ibaka 1-2, Fisher 1-4, Sefolosha 0-2, Lamb 0-4, Durant 0-0), Memphis 4-14 (Lee 2-3, Conley 2-7, Prince 0-1, Miller 0-1, Johnson 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Oklahoma City 54 (Adams, Ibaka 9), Memphis 51 (Randolph 13). Assists—Oklahoma City 12 (Durant 4), Memphis 19 (Conley 7). Total Fouls—Oklahoma City 27, Memphis 21. Technicals—Oklahoma City defensive three second. A-17,177 (18,119).

#### Pacers 116, Kings 92

**SACRAMENTO** — Gay 6-14 0-0 12, Thompson 0-4 1-2 1, Cousins 12-21 7-7 31, Thomas 3-9 0-7, Thornton 3-7 0-0 7, Acy 3-4 0-0 6, Fredette 4-10 0-9, Williams 4-11 1-4 9, McCreomey 3-9 0-7, Gray 1-2 1-4 3, Outlaw 0-0 0 0. Totals 39-92 10-17 92.

**INDIANA** — George 10-18 7-8 31, West 7-11 2-2 16, Hibbert 4-8 2-3 10, Gill 4-9 0-9, Stephenson 5-7 3-4 13, Granger 3-8 2-9, Scia 4-6 1-2 9, Watson 5-6 0-10, Mahmoud 0-1 2-2 2, Butler 1-3 0-4 2, Copeland 2-3 0-4, Sloan 0-2 0-0 0, Johnson 0-2 1-2 1. Totals 45-82 20-25 116.

**Sacramento** 20 25 29 18-92  
**Indiana** 25 34 27 30-116

Three-point Goals—Sacramento 4-13 (Thomas 1-2, McLemore 1-2, Thornton 1-2, Fredette 1-3, Outlaw 0-1, Gay 0-1, Williams 0-2), Indiana 6-16 (George 4-7, Hill 1-2, Granger 1-1, Stephenson 0-1, Butler 0-1, Watson 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Sacramento 50 (Cousins 13), Indiana 52 (West 8). Assists—Sacramento 13 (Fredette 4), Indiana 24 (Stephenson 9). Total Fouls—Sacramento 21, Indiana 17. A-17,530 (18,165).

## Roundup

# Grizzlies get Gasol back, top Thunder

The Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — The Memphis Grizzlies celebrated the return of Marc Gasol with a victory over one of the league's top teams — and one of their biggest rivals.

Courtney Lee scored a season-high 24 points, including the closing two free throws, and the Grizzlies beat Oklahoma City 90-87 on Tuesday night in Gasol's first game in almost eight weeks.

While Lee provided the early offensive punch for Memphis, many teammates were talking about the return of the Gasol, the league's reigning Defensive Player of the Year, who missed 23 games with a left knee injury. The 7-foot-1 center played 24 minutes and finished with 12 points.

"Everybody is excited, especially for him," said guard Mike Conley, who had 19 points and seven assists in Memphis' third straight victory. "He's been itching to get out there forever, and I thought he did great. It gave us a good boost."

Gasol, whose return was not announced until just before the game, received a rousing ovation from the Memphis crowd when he was introduced with the starting lineup.

"It felt really good, especially since we got the win," Gasol said of the knee. "That makes everything worth it."

Zach Randolph had 23 points and 13 rebounds on the night his inside partner returned.

Kevin Durant led the Thunder with 37 points, converting 15 of 28 shots. Reggie Jackson scored 17, but also committed seven of Oklahoma City's 19 turnovers.

**Pacers 116, Kings 92:** Paul George scored 31 points, making four three-pointers, as host Indiana snapped Sacramento's three-

game winning streak.

David West had 16 points and eight rebounds, and Lance Stephenson added 13 points, five rebounds and five assists for the Pacers (30-7), who have won five of six.

The victory clinched the Eastern Conference coaching spot for Frank Vogel, since the Pacers are guaranteed to have the best winning percentage in the conference through games of Feb. 2 with Miami's Erik Spoelstra ineligible after coaching last year.

DeMarcus Cousins had 31 points and 13 rebounds, and Rudy Gay scored 12 points for the Kings (13-23), who scored under 100 points for the first time in 12 games.

**Bobcats 108, Knicks 98:** Al Jefferson scored a season-high 35 points and Kemba Walker had 12 of his 25 in the fourth quarter as host Charlotte snapped New York's five-game winning streak.

The Bobcats were in need of a win after losing three straight games and eight of their last 10. Walker was 4-for-4 from the field in the fourth quarter, including 3-pointers on back-to-back possessions. He also finished with seven rebounds and five assists.

**Cavaliers 120, Lakers 118:** Luol Deng hit five three-pointers while scoring 27 points, Anderson Varejao added 18 points and 18 rebounds, and visiting Cleveland beat spiraling Los Angeles.

Dion Waters scored 13 of his 17 points in the fourth quarter as the Cavaliers improved 4-16 on the road. They also won for coach Mike Brown in his return to State Center to face the Lakers, who fired him early last season.

Jodie Meeks hit six three-pointers while scoring a season-high 26 points in injury-plagued Los Angeles' fifth straight defeat.

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## NFL PLAYOFFS

## Staying strong

Longtime Seahawks DT Mebane quietly having standout season

By TIM BOOTH  
The Associated Press

RENTON, Wash. — Brandon Mebane holds a special distinction in the Seattle Seahawks' locker room.

Through all the changes that coach Pete Carroll and general manager John Schneider made to personnel during the infancy of their tenure running the Seahawks, the defensive tackle has managed to stay on the roster.

As the Seahawks head into Sunday's NFC championship game against San Francisco, Mebane has the most seniority of the four players still on Seattle's roster from before the arrival of Carroll and Schneider.

He's a Seattle original, drafted in the third round by the Seahawks in 2007 and now one win from helping the franchise get to the Super Bowl for the second time.

"It's very, very nice to see that and to be a part of this team," Mebane said. "Hopefully, we can keep this going and keep

winning. We have high goals for ourselves."

Mebane, defensive end Red Bryant, center Max Unger and punter Jon Ryan are the only players still on Seattle's roster from before Carroll's arrival. They are a small fraternity that has stuck around for various reasons, with their on-field play topping the list.

In the case of Mebane and Bryant, both could have tested free agency in recent seasons, only to receive significant offers to continue their careers with Seattle after impressing Carroll.

"Well they got paid a lot. When it came time, pretty easy decision I thought," Carroll joked of Mebane and Bryant. "But first, the guys have kind of been the foundation blocks of the defense here and have been here throughout and they're rewarded for their work. And Red has come a long way and has done an incredible job with his career and we're thrilled about it. ... They have been so consistent. They've stuck it out because we agreed that this



JOE BARRENTINE, TACOMA NEWS TRIBUNE/MCT

**Seahawks defensive lineman Brandon Mebane pressures Arizona Cardinals quarterback Carson Palmer in the first quarter on Dec. 22. Mebane is one of just four Seahawks still on the roster from the days before coach Pete Carroll's arrival in 2010.**

was a good place for them and they played really well and all of that and we're fortunate to have them."

Mebane is not a defensive tackle who gets a lot of attention because his numbers will never stand out. His responsibility is to eat up space on Seattle's defensive line and create havoc in the run game. The more blockers Mebane can occupy, the easier for linebackers Bobby Wagner, K.J. Wright, Malcolm Smith and Bruce Irvin to come in and clean up the play. On passing downs, Mebane gives way to Michael

Bennett, who led Seattle with 81 sacks in the regular season, and Clinton McDonald.

Mebane finished the regular season with 45 tackles and zero sacks. But he was a big reason Seattle's run defense improved during the second half of the season. Mebane's performance was good enough that he received one All-Pro vote. But ask him and Mebane didn't see anything special about his season.

"I don't know. I don't think it was," Mebane said. "I couldn't tell you."

Last week, New Orleans had moderate success running against

the Seahawks, but Mebane and his teammates know they'll have to be significantly better on Sunday against San Francisco. Since Jim Harbaugh arrived in 2011, the 49ers are 4-2 against Seattle. In the two losses, Seattle held San Francisco running back Frank Gore to less than 30 yards rushing in both games.

"He's a fantastic runner, he's got great sense, and he's got as good a sense in the line of scrimmage as anybody that's playing in the game," Carroll said. "If you make a mistake, he takes advantage of it."

**"If you make a mistake, he takes advantage of it."**

Pete Carroll

Seattle Seahawks coach on DT Brandon Mebane

## Threat: Deep, talented secondary played key role in topping Broncos

### FROM BACK PAGE

Knowshon Moreno's 224 yards, Manning threw 36 passes, five below his average. His longest completion gained 17 yards.

New England struggled along the long ball early last season. That changed after it acquired cornerback Aqib Talib in a trade with Tampa Bay after the eighth game. He set out the next game to complete a four-game suspension for taking a banned substance. He said it was an amphetamine.

In his first game with the Patriots, he returned an interception for a touchdown against Luck.

Talib's arrival solidified the move of Devin McCourty from cornerback to safety, made after the sixth game. With Gregory at safety and Alfonso Dennard at cornerback, the Patriots had the starting secondary they continued using this season.

"It's been a huge plus for us that we've been able to essentially keep those same players back there," coach Bill Belichick said. "Then [there's] some degree of flexibility because both Steve Gregory and Devin have both played corner."

Injuries on defense sidelined tackles Vince Wilfork and Tommy Kelly and linebacker Jerod Mayo for most of the season and linebacker Brandon Spikes for the postseason. But in the secondary, the four starters have missed a total of just nine games.



MATT SLOCUM/AP

**Patriots cornerback Alfonso Dennard, left, intercepts a pass intended for Colts wide receiver LaVon Brazill on Saturday. The Patriots had four picks in the game.**

When they've been out, veteran Kyle Arrington and two rookies, cornerback Logan Ryan and safety Duron Harmon, have played more.

Ryan's interception against Manning early in the fourth quarter on Nov. 24 led to

the touchdown that put the Patriots ahead for the first time, 28-24.

"I practice against a great quarterback every day," Ryan said before his playoff debut against Luck. "So I think practicing against Tom [Brady] makes everything a little bit easier."

Ryan led the Patriots with five interceptions this season. Talib had four. Dennard had just one then picked off two in the playoff win over the Colts. He did give up a 38-yard touchdown reception to LaVon Brazill on a perfectly thrown pass on which he barely missed the deflection.

"He's got attitude," Gregory said. "He believes in his talent. We believe in him. We're always out there supporting each other, letting the guys know that, 'Hey, we got this, you can do this.' Those corners, they have to play with confidence. You see it in Talib, you see it in 'Zo, Logan, Kyle. You need that in order to cover guys in the NFL."

Especially when those guys are Demaryius Thomas, Eric Decker and Wes Welker. They combined for 252 catches for 3,496 yards and 35 touchdowns for Denver.

But the Patriots still have Talib, Dennard, Gregory and McCourty trying to contain them.

"They have a good comfort level out on the football field," Patricia said. "That's what is going to help you in the long run."



## NFL/OLYMPICS



KEITH SRACOCIC, AP

NFL Hall of Fame running back Tony Dorsett is one of more than 4,500 former players that have filed suit, some accusing the NFL of fraud for its handling of concussions. A federal judge on Tuesday denied preliminary approval of a \$765 million settlement of NFL concussion claims, fearing it may not be enough to cover 20,000 retired players.

## Judge not sure \$675M enough

Ruling calls for more evidence that concussion deal is adequate

By RICK FREEMAN  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The NFL may be on the hook for more money than it expected if a federal judge can't be convinced that its \$765 million concussion settlement with more than 4,500 former players will cover benefits over the 65-year life of the agreement.

The deal hit a snag Tuesday when U.S. District Judge Anita B. Brody asked both parties to back up their assertions that the agreement negotiated over several months is appropriate.

Brody denied a motion that was meant to serve as a preliminary OK for the settlement, seeking more information from the parties.

She wrote that she was "primarily concerned that not all retired NFL football players who ultimately receive a qualifying diagnosis or their (families) ... will be paid," and that the lawyers for both parties have not addressed

those concerns.

Given the judge's ruling, the two sides will need to offer more evidence the fund will be sufficient or possibly have the NFL add money to the pot. Otherwise, they may be left to start over.

"We are confident that the settlement is fair and adequate, and look forward to demonstrating that to the court," NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said.

Meanwhile, former players looking to receive assistance for the injuries they sustained while playing in the league will have to wait to be compensated.

The two sides agreed in late August, just before the season kicked off and the issue largely went to the back burner, awaiting Brody's decision. The weekly accounting of brain injuries on the field, despite efforts to reduce them, continued to make headlines.

Brody pointed out that the class of approximately 20,000 could overwhelm the fund, even if only 10 percent of its members file

claims against the \$675 million set aside to pay claims, working out to \$337,500 per player.

The maximum payments in the settlement include \$5 million for a younger retiree with Lou Gehrig's disease, \$3 million for serious dementia and \$25,000 for an 80-year-old with early dementia.

The remainder of the \$765 million settlement is being earmarked for neurological testing and education. Lawyers will be paid on top of that by the NFL, meaning the suit would cost the league about \$900 million.

More than 4,500 former players filed the suit, some accusing the league of fraud for its handling of concussions. They include former Dallas Cowboys running back Tony Dorsett and Super Bowl-winning quarterback Jim McMahon, who suffers from dementia.

Brody's hand-picked mediator, former federal judge Layn R. Phillips, led several months of negotiations last year and has called the deal fair to both sides.

## Colorado biathlete gives spot to twin

By COLLEEN SLEVIN  
The Associated Press

DENVER — When biathlete Tracy Barnes learned she had made the cut for the U.S. Olympic team, she turned and winked at her twin sister Lanny.

After getting sick during the final qualifying races in Ridnaun, Italy, Lanny Barnes thought her Olympic dreams were over and assumed her sister was telling her she would race for her at the Winter Games in Sochi.

It was only later on a walk in the Italian Alps that Tracy told her what was really on her mind: She would give up her spot on the team so Lanny, a three-time Olympian who finished just behind her, would qualify for the team and compete in Sochi instead.

"She is my hero and this only shows true selflessness and the Olympic spirit. This has motivated me even more to not only represent my country but to represent her as well," Lanny Barnes, 32, of Durango told The Associated

Press in an email Tuesday from Italy.

Tracy Barnes barely missed qualifying for the 2010 Olympics. In a statement released by the team, Tracy Barnes said her sister had had a stellar season before falling ill and she wanted to give her a second chance.

"Lanny is my best friend and my teammate. I see how hard she works on a daily basis, so I know firsthand that she is deserving of a spot on the Olympic Team," she said.

In an email to the AP, Tracy Barnes said the decision wasn't difficult because she believed in her heart that her sister deserved a spot on the team and that desire outweighed her own wish to join the Olympic team.

"If you care enough about a person you will make any sacrifice for them. Even if it means giving up your dreams so that they can realize theirs," she said.

She said she's not sure if she'll make the trip to Sochi too but promises to be her sister's biggest and loudest fan wherever she is.



RON JENKINS, FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM/KRT

Tracy Barnes (2) gave her spot on the Sochi Olympic biathlon team to her sister, Lanny, saying her sister had a stellar season before falling ill and wanted to give her a second chance at competing.

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## HIGH SCHOOL: DODDS EUROPE

## Vilseck searches for that winning formula

Falcons working to put hard-luck losses behind them before European tournament begins

By GREGORY BROOME

Stars and Stripes

At its core, basketball can be reduced to simple, repeatable and teachable actions.

Follow your shot. Turn and box out. Move your feet. Find the open man, and actually make the pass.

But behind all of these tangible acts lurks something more elusive, a skill not easily demonstrated or reinforced. If not mastered, it can undermine every hour of instruction spent on the sport's fundamentals.

It is the skill of winning.

Vilseck boys basketball coach John Sabala has spent his winter attempting to define and address this mysterious skill. Each practice, Sabala looks around the court and sees the components of a winning team. His Falcons have playmaking and scoring in the backcourt and productive starters and backups at each position. They have senior leadership and experience. They've adopted a fast tempo and largely bought into their coach's emphasis on defense.

And yet Vilseck ends this weekend on a four-game losing streak, with all of those losses coming to some of the fellow Division I teams it will have to beat to have any impact on next month's European tournament. The team's only win, back in its Dec. 13 season opener, was a marginally-satisfying rout of Division II Ansbach.

On two of those occasions, the gap separating Vilseck from victory has been agonizingly thin. Before the holiday break, the Falcons hung close with unbeaten Wiesbaden before taking a 70-64 loss; last Saturday, in their first weekend back, they lost to defending Division I champion Patch 67-65.

For Sabala and his players, such games are undeniably ambiguous. They are encouraged by competing so vigorously with DODDS-Europe's best teams, but equally flummoxed by their inability to convert winnable games into actual wins.

"I lose sleep those nights try-



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Vilseck players work on their full-court press defense during practice on Tuesday. The Falcons are 1-5 on the season, but look to improve in time for the DODDS European tournament with a healthy dose of practices, drills and mentoring from coach John Sabala.

ing to figure out how to get these young men over the hump," Sabala said.

Some of the problem is easily diagnosed. The team's free-throw shooting percentage is hovering around 50 percent. Turnovers have plagued the team all season; the Falcons squandered 33 possessions in a less-competitive 66-44 loss to Patch on Jan. 10.

"If we cut down our turnovers and make a few more free throws, we'll be a nightmare for anyone we come up against" at the European tournament, Sabala said.

But those statistics alone don't explain Vilseck's frustrating season. And the Falcons' upperclassmen leaders are just as preoccupied as their coach with solving the ongoing conundrum.

Senior guard David Harris is playing his first season with Vilseck after transferring from a varsity program in Texas. A gifted athlete and explosive scorer, Harris has dedicated himself to the task of weaving his considerable individual talents into the team-first approach he knows is



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The Vilseck High Falcons gather around coach John Sabala for an impromptu lesson on avoiding turnovers during practice on Tuesday.

required for success.

"I feel like I could distribute a little bit more. The points, I just let them come to me. I don't try to force it," said Harris, who scored

27 points in the Falcons' two-point loss to Patch last weekend. "The offense doesn't run through me. It's a team game."

Like Harris, Khayree Files is

a dynamic guard spending his first and only season with Vilseck after transferring from nearby Schweinfurt. The point guard attempted to define the murky circumstances that have led to his team's late-game struggles and the resulting triumphs of Patch and Wiesbaden.

"Executing at the end of the game was a big difference," Files said. "They had the mind of winning. We just kind of let it go."

Junior Gabriel Lewis, one of the few returnees from last year's 6-8 team, agreed with that assessment.

"Passing under pressure, not trying to force things that aren't there in the latter part of the games. That's what kills us," Lewis said. "We need to play how we play the whole game in that last two minutes."

Despite his team's two wins over Vilseck, Patch coach Brad Rehwaldt is very much aware of the threat the Falcons pose if they eventually clear the mental and tactical hurdles currently blocking their path.

"With the size and quickness they have, they have the ability to frustrate opponents. Their defense is as good as any we have faced," Rehwaldt said. "They are athletic, aggressive and well-coached."

Eventually, the Falcons believe, all of those good qualities will add up to something more substantial — a simple notch in one column instead of the other.

Each shot will be made or missed. A thrown pass might become an assist or a turnover. But winning, on an individual level, defies easy evaluation. Sabala won't arrive at practice one afternoon to find that a handful of his players have suddenly mastered the skill as they would a pick-and-roll or a taken charge. It's an ongoing process, a stew of individual decisions and team psychology, each player's progress deeply knotted with that of his teammates.

"They know that they can play with any of the Division I teams and that they have the ability to win," Sabala said. "It's going to be a matter of getting that breakthrough."

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## Top performances in Europe

## Boys basketball

■ David Harris of Vilseck came up just short in his scoring showdown with Robinson, scoring 27 points and narrowly missing an upset of the defending champs. Mark Carr, Hohenfels — The gifted point guard has fittingly pointed the way for the resurgent and undefeated Tigers; he posted game-high totals of 13 and 14 points in two wins over Ansbach.

■ Emilio Moreno of Kaiserslautern earned individual notice Friday with a 16-point, 15-rebound

double-double against Bitburg as the Raiders succeeded on the strength of depth and balance.

■ Jayontray Grogan of Naples stuffed the stat sheet in consecutive victories over Mayrmount. He followed Friday's 16-point, six-steal, six-rebound line with a 21-point, six-rebound, five-steal gem the next day.

## Girls basketball

■ China Sumpter of Vilseck further solidified her star status with a combined 36 points and

21 rebounds in two games despite the Falcons' hopes of upsetting Patch were dashed twice over the weekend.

■ Johanna Quinn of Kaiserslautern, the reigning Stars and Stripes girls basketball Athlete of the Year, turned in a well-rounded 16-point, seven-rebound, four-steal effort in a 44-18 win over Bitburg on Friday.

■ Shelby Atkinson of Hohenfels exploded for 21 points as the Tigers earned a 35-33 win over Ansbach on Friday.

■ Lindsey Breton of Ramstein scored a combined 31 points on the weekend as the Royals' primary offensive weapon was at her most dangerous in wins over Black Forest Academy.

## Marksmanship

■ Rachel Holliday of Baunholler produced a total score of 287, including 100 from the prone position as the Bucs sharpshooter garnered individual honors during a five-team meet at Wiesbaden.

## HIGH SCHOOL: DODDS PACIFIC

## Kinnick working to earn crucial one point

Red Devils want to wash away bitter taste left from last year's Far East tournament

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YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — Heartbreak and disappointment ruled the day in the immediate aftermath of the Far East wrestling tournament. It remained with them through spring, summer and even their DODDS Japan-championship football season.

One point. One match. That's how close Kinnick's wrestling team came to capturing the Far East individual and dual-meet team titles, only to come up just short to Kubasaki.

Seniors Charlie Gann, Dustin Wilson and Ian O'Brien, each of whom finished second last year, recall it vividly. They said coming up that short has provided all the motivation they need for this season.

"I thought it was our year to win it. It still bugs me today," O'Brien said Friday, the day before Kinnick won its invitational tournament. "I hope this year, we can come back and get that title that we were supposed to have."

"I thought about it all summer and I'd like to make a change to that," Gann said.

All it would have taken to erase that 27 defeat to Kubasaki in the individual freestyle was for one of Kinnick's six finalists to capture a title. Same held true for the dual-meet finals; had Wilson, Gann or O'Brien beaten their opponents, Kubasaki would not have won 32-26.

"It could have gone either way," Dragons coach Justin Cook said. "One loss, and we would have lost."

Worse yet, the tournament was on the Red Devils' home ground, the George I. Purdy Memorial Fitness and Sports Center, right across the street from the school.

"It's terrible to lose from behind and on your home turf," Wilson said.

"I think it's harder if you lose a close one than if you get your hind end handed to you," Kinnick coach Gary Wilson said, noting that St. Mary's won by 39 points the year before. "It's hard to feel too badly about that. This being



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Kinnick senior 215-pounder Ian O'Brien said the Red Devils winning a Far East team title would be the best thing in his high school career.

one point, it's tough."

But rather than wallow in that disappointment and heartbreak, the one-point, one-match defeats have given the Red Devils incentive to take the next step, coach

and wrestlers said.

The words "one point" are uttered often during Kinnick workouts in the Hawks Nest.

"That pushes everybody," Dustin Wilson said. "The last 10

seconds, get that extra [repetition], spin, hit and move that you wouldn't usually do. Work that much harder in practice."

"It burns me deeply," Gann said. "Whenever I hear 'one point,' I think about last year, and motivates me to bring that last 10 seconds of intensity. Work harder until I drop."

So far, it has paid off. The Red Devils are unbeaten in every dual meet and tournament. Their next event is Saturday, a six-team Kanto Plain Association of Secondary Schools dual tournament at American School In Japan.

One point, one match is "motivation, but at the same time, it reminds you to stay humble to everything and keep your mind focused on your goals," Dustin Wilson said.

Kinnick has those goals despite losing three second-place finishes from last year. Zach Yoder graduated and Marvin Newbins and Daniel Costello transferred.

"Having experienced return-

ing Far East wrestlers makes a huge difference," Gary Wilson said. "Unfortunately, Kubasaki has a few more than we do. Our work is cut out for us. We have to try to get better, we can't be complacent. Even if our league is down this year, that's no excuse. We have to continue to get better."

The goal for the coaches, Wilson said, is to get the Red Devils "back in that situation again, to get ourselves close, give us the opportunity to try it one more time."

Cook is all too aware of Kinnick's purposes this season.

"They want revenge," he said. "They were a very formidable team [last year] and it looks like they're going to be a formidable team again this year."

If that formidable team can take the last step to a Far East team championship, "it would be a milestone, the best thing that ever happened in my high school career," O'Brien said.

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Senior 158-pounder Charlie Gann, top, said he hopes that he and his Kinnick teammates can pen a different ending than last year's Far East wrestling tournament, which ended in bitter disappointment.

## Top performances in the Pacific

## Boys basketball

■ Manasseh Narthey scored 23 points, including a three-pointer with four seconds left as Humphreys inaugurated the new school gymnasium with a 63-60 win over Seoul Foreign.

■ Calvin Riley totaled 29 points to power unbeaten Yokota to a weekend sweep at M.C. Perry, 68-51 and 61-39.

■ Henry Arnold V averaged 15.5 points as Seoul American, also unbeaten at 8-0, swept its weekend games at home, 79-39 over Taejon

Christian and 80-42 over Osan American.

■ Anfernee Dent scored 13 and 16 points to help Daegu record a weekend sweep, 56-28 over E.J. King and 74-49 over TCIS.

■ Preston Harris had 13 points and 15 rebounds as Kadena finally broke into the win column against Kubasaki 45-44. Kubasaki leads the season series 2-1.

## Girls basketball

■ Rheagan Wyche scored 10 and 18 points

to help keep Daegu unbeaten, 63-33 over E.J. King and 42-23 over TCIS. Taylor Myatt missed a triple-double by three steals.

■ Caitlyn Rowan, daughter of former Sumo grand champion Akebono (Chad Rowan), averaged 6.7 points and 9.7 rebounds as Yokota won three straight games after starting 0-6, winning 27-24 and 24-11 at M.C. Perry and 20-18 at home over Christian American Japan.

■ Gleneshia Berryman averaged 16.5 points and nine rebounds as Seoul American won the

weekend 40-25 over TCIS and 50-17 over Osan.

## Wrestling

■ Shoichiro Vivas sparked a rally with a pin in 33 seconds at 141 pounds and Kubasaki scored four pins and three technical falls in the final seven bouts of a 50-14 romp over Kadena.

■ Charlie Gann stayed on the mat for all of 3 minutes, 2 seconds in five bouts, scoring technical falls en route to gold at 158 pounds and helped Kinnick win its annual invitational tournament.

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## NFL PLAYOFFS



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Patriots cornerback Logan Ryan, with ball, is congratulated by teammates after intercepting a pass from Broncos quarterback Peyton Manning on Nov. 24. The Pats won 34-31 in OT.

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## Primary threat

Pats' secondary eager to stop Manning again

By HOWARD ULMAN  
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FOXBOROUGH, Mass.

**T**he Denver Broncos tried to beat the New England Patriots less than two months ago by running the ball. It didn't work.

With a Super Bowl berth at stake in Sunday's rematch, Peyton Manning expects to have a better day.

The Patriots intercepted Andrew Luck four times last Saturday in their 43-22 playoff win over the Indianapolis Colts. In their next to last regular-season game, they picked off Super Bowl MVP Joe Flacco three times in a

41-7 rout at Baltimore.

They're travelling this week, to Denver for the AFC championship game, with a deep, experienced secondary. Although Flacco and Luck are impressive quarterbacks, Manning is on a different level — regardless of how he did last time out vs. New England.

"What you are always trying to strive for is consistency," Patriots defensive coordinator Matt Patricia said, "certainly in a position like the defensive backs where there is a lot of communication."

In their first meeting with the Broncos, the Patriots won 34-31 in overtime after trailing 24-0 at halftime. Manning had season lows of 19 completions, 150 yards passing, and a 52.8 completion percentage. With the wind whipping, and the running game rolling behind

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